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احوال همایون بادشاه

جمع کرده کلبدن بیگم بنتِ بابر بادشاه عهٔ اکبر بادشاه *

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by Annette S. Beveridge.

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بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

حکم شده بود که آنچه از واقعه فردوس مکانی و حضرت جنت آشیانی میدانسته باشید بنویسید * وقتی که حضرت فردوس مکانی از دار الفنا بدار البقا خرامیدند — این حقیر هشت ساله بود و بیان * واقع شاید کمتر بخاطر ماند بود * بنابر حکم پادشاهی آنچه شنید و بخاطر بود نوشته میشود *

در اول این جزو از واقعه حضرت بادشاه بابام نوشته میشود — اگرچه در واقعه نامه حضرت بادشاه بابام این سخنان مذکور است — بنابر تیمنا و تبرکا نوشته میشود *

از زمان حضرت صاحب قرانی تا زمان حضرت فردوس مکانی از سلاطین ماضیه هیچکس برابر ایشان ترددات نکرده * در دوازده سالگی بادشاه شدند و بتاریخ پنجم شهر رمضان المبارک سنه نهصد و نه در خطه *^{**} "جان (3a) که پای تخت ولایت فرغانه است — خطبه خواند * مدت یازده ساله کمال در الکه ماور النهر با سلاطین چغنیه و تیموریه و وزبکیه جنگها و ترددات نموده اند که زبان قلم از شرح تعداد آن عاجز است * و آنقدر محنت و مهالك که در باب جهانگیری بحضرت م. روی نموده — کم کس را روی نموده باشد * و آن قدر دلیری و مردانگی

* به این Misread in translating as (بیان)
 خطه دلکشای A.F. (Bib. Ind. 87) has (خطه) **

وَنَحْمَلُ که باحضرتِ مَعَارَكْ* ومهلكِ رومی نموده — از کم بادشاهی منقول است* دو توبت بضرب شمشیر فتح سرفراز کرده* مرتبه اول حضرت بادشاه با بام دوازده ساله بوده اند و مرتبه دوم نوزده ساله بوده اند و مرتبه سیوم بیست و دو ساله بوده اند — و شش ماهه قبل شده اند و مثل سلطان حسین میرزا بایقرا، عموی ایشان، کُدر خراسان بوده اند — بایشان کومک نفرستادند و سلطان محمود خان در کاشغر بودند که طغائی ایشان باشند — ایشان نیز کومک نفرستادند* چون مدد و معاونت از هیچ جا نرسید — مایوس شدند* درین طور وقت شاهی بیگ خان گفته فرستاد که اگر (3b) خاتزاده بیگم خواهر خود را بمن نسبت کنبد میان ما و شما صلح شود و رابطه اتحاد برپا باشد* آخر ضرورت شد خاتزاده بیگم را بخان مذکور نسبت کرده خود بر آمدند*
 با دو یست کس پیاده و در کتف چپان** و در پائی آنها چاروق — ایلیک***

* Comparing this passage with A. F.'s parallel passage (Bib. Ind. I. 67), we find a curious resemblance, e. g. وآن قدر مشقت و تردد که — آنحضرت را پیش آمده کم پادشاهی را رو نموده باشد — وآن قدر دلیری — و نَحْمَلُ که آنحضرت — در معارک — —

** Pavet de Courteille and Steingass render *chapān* by *haillons* and „tattered garments”, Erskine (127 and n.) by „long frocks”. Vambéry gives no *chapān* but *chapān*, which he translates *Oberrock* and *pardessus*. Steingass has no *chapān*.

*** (چاروق) The words of the next phrase present difficulty. The sense is “with clubs in their hands”, and that this is so, is shewn by the parallel passages from the Turkī and Persian texts of Bābar's Memoirs. (Turkī) اکثر یایاق و ایلیک لاریدا تایاق و ایاق لاریدا چاروق و ایکن (B.M. Add. 26, 324 p. 4. Ilminski has verbal variants). لاریدا چاپان ایردی (Persian) در دستهای ایشان چوبها و در پاهای ایشان چاروق و بر کتفهای ایشان چاپان. The difficult words may be a Turkī interpolation in Gul-badan's text. The word which follows چاروق may be read المسك leathern, but چاروق includes the notion of leathern and neither the Turkī nor the Persian text uses any such qualifying word. I propose to read the words as a Turkī phrase — ایلیک لاریدا چویاق. It may be that when Gul-badan was writing she had her Father's book before her. Her close reproduction of his words points to this or to intimate recollection of his words.

لاریه چویاق — باین طور حال بی براق نوگل بحضرت حق سبّانه کرده
متوجه بدخشانات و کابل شه *

در قندز و بدخشانات لشکر و مردم خشرو شاه بودند * آمد حضرت
بادشاه بابام را ملازمت کرده * با وجود گناهان که بد کرده — مانند بایسنغر
میرزا را شهید کرده و سلطان مسعود میرزا را میل کشیک بودند و این هردو
میرزا عموزاده بادشاه بابام بوده اند — و قبل از آن که عبور آن حضرت
در ایام قزاقیها بولایت او افتاده بود — از ضرورت رفته بودند — بمحصلیها
و درستیها آنحضرت را از ولایت خود بدر کرده بود * و حضرت
بادشاه که مفهوم مرهی و مروّت بوده اند — اصلاً و قطعاً در مقام
انتقام آن نشدند و فرموده اند که از جواهر و طلا آلات هر چند که دلش
خواهد بردارد — و پنجش قطار شتر و پنجش (4a) استر بار همراه برده
بصحت و سلامت رخصت یافته بخراسان رفته و حضرت بادشاه متوجه
کابل شدند *

در آن وقت تحکم کابل محمد مقیم — پسر ذوالنون ارغون که پدر
کلان ناهید بیگم بود — داشت * کابل را بعد از وفات الغ بیگ میرزا —
از عبد الرزاق میرزا گرفته و از (؟ آن) میرزا عبد الرزاق مذکور عموزاده
ادشاه بوده *

بادشاه بدولت بکابل آمدند * دوسه روز قلعلگی شد و بعد از چند روز
بعود و فور کابل را به بندگان حضرت بادشاه سپرده با مال و اسباب
خود بقندهار پیش پدر خود رفت *

و فتح کابل در اواخر ماه ربیع الثانی ^{۹۱۰} سنه نهصد و ده بوده * بعد از میر
شدن کابل به بنگش رفتند و یکباره الحجه کرده بکابل آمدند *

و حضرت خانم که والدۀ حضرت بادشاه باشند — در شش روز تب
کرده — از عالم فانی بدار البقا رحلت نمودند * و در باغ نوروزی حضرت

خاتم را ماندند * صاحبانِ باغ که مردم و ضیل ** آنکه *** باشند — بکهاز
نکه سنقالی داده گذاشتند *

درین اثنا فرمانهای سلطان حسین میرزا بتاکید آمدند که ما. (4b)
خیال جنگ باوزبک † داریم * اگر شما هم بیائید بسیار خوبست * حضرت
آنمعی را از خدا میطلبیدند * عاقبت الامر بسوی ایشان روانه
گشتند * در اثنای طی طریق خبر آمد که سلطان حسین میرزا شنفار شدند *
امرای حضرت بادشاه بعرض رسانیدند که چون سلطان حسین میرزا شنفار
شدند — مناسب آنست که برگشته بکابل باید رفت * حضرت فرمودند که
چون اینمقدار راه آمده ایم میرزا عزایرسی نموده ببردیم * عاقبت الامر
متوجه خراسان شدند * چون از تشریف آوردن بادشاه که میرزایان شنیدند
هر همه باستقبال روان شدند — غیر بدیع الزمان میرزا که برنتوق †† یگ
وذو النون یگ که امرائی سلطان حسین میرزا بودند — چنین گفتند که
چون بادشاه از بدیع الزمان میرزا خوردند پانزده¹⁵ ساله — مناسب چنان
است که پادشاه زانورده دریابند * درین اثنا قاسم یگ گفته که بسال
خوردند اما بتوره کلانند — از برای آنکه چند مرتبه بضرب شمشیر فتح
سرمقد کرده اند * آخر چنین قرار دادند (5a) که یکمرتبه بادشاه زانورده

* Used transitively. So too at 59a &c.. (ماندند)

** Text ویصل (وصیل)

*** (آنکه) This word may be *atka* or *anaga* and is to be explained by the known ownership of the garden which was made by Babar's paternal uncle, Ulugh Beg. But for the undotted "prop", it might have been read as *ake* and as referring to *Khān-zāda Begam* or *Māham*, Babar's wife, both of whom, as will be noticed, are styled *aka* (*janām*) and *āka* respectively. Cf. a use of *آنکه* p. 28b.

† Vamberj's derivation of 'his multiform word, "Özbek, his own master, independent" (History of Bokhara, 245) is at least *ben trovato* and in congruity with the acts of the tribe. But several careful writers, Blochmann amongst them, have chosen the form *Uzbak*.

†† Text, sic for برنتوق (برنتوق)

دریابند * بدیع الزمان میرزا از جهة تعظیم بادشاه پیش آمد دریابند *
این اثنا بادشاه از نرد درآمدند * میرزا غافل بودند که قاسم بیگ نو
حضرت بادشاه را گرفته کشید با برنتوق بیگ و ذوالنون بیگ که
که فرار چنین داده بودند که میرزا پیش در آمد دریابند * درین اثنا
باضطراب تمام پیش در آمد حضرت پادشاه را دریافتند *

و چند روزی که در خراسان بودند میرزایان هر کدام تکلیف می
می نمودند و جشنهای میکردند و تمامی باغات و محلات را سیر مینه
میرزایان ^(۱) تکلیف زمستان میدادند که توقف نمایند که بعد از زمستان
جنگ میکیم * اما اصلاً و قطعاً نتوانستند بجنگ قرار داد *
مدت هشتاد سال خراسان را سلطان حسین میرزا آبادان و معمور
بود - اما میرزایان تا شش ماه نتوانستند که جای پدر را نگاه دارند

و چون پادشاه ایشان را بی پروا دیدند بجهت خرج و مخارج
جاها تعیین نموده بودند و بیهانه دیدن آنها بجان کابل روان
و در آن سال برف بسیار بارید بود * راهها غلط کردند
قاسم بیگ از برای نزدیکی راه - این راه را اختیار نموده بود
دیگر کنگایش داده بودند * چون که گفته امراها نکردند -

تغافل کرده - میرفتند * حضرت و قاسم بیگ مع پسران
روز برف دور کرده راه را طیار میکردند و مردم لشکر از
باین روش تا بغور بند رسیدند و در آنجا از هزارهای
خورده جنگ کردند * از گاو و گوسفند بسیار و اشیا
هزارها بدست مردم بادشاهی افتاد و بولچه بیحد متوجه

در پای ^۱ منار که رسیدند - شنیدند که میرزا خا

کورکان باغی شده اند و کابل را قبل دارند *

فرمانهای دلداری و رسلای نوشته فرستادند که

بلای (6a) کوه بیبی ماه روی آتش خواهم انداخت، و شما هم در بالای
نسخانه آتش اندازید تا دانیم که از آمدن ما خبردار شده اید * وقت
از آنجانب شما و از این جانب ما مقابله غنیم خواهیم شد * اما، تا آمدن
قلعه حضرت جنگ کرده و فتح کرده بودند *

زا خان در خانه والد خود که خاله بادشاه بودند - پنهان شدند *
نام پسر خود را آورده - گناه طلبیدند - و میرزا محمد حسین در
ج خود که خاله خورد بادشاه بود - از وهم جان خود را در مفرش
خدمتکاری را گفت که ببرند * عاقبت الامر مردم بادشاهی
نیده - میرزا محمد حسین را از مفرش بر آورده پیش بادشاه
عاقبت الامر حضرت بخاطر خالهای خود گناه میرزا محمد
نشدند - و بخانه خالی خالهای خود بدستور سابق آمد و رفت سر
ایت خاطر بیشتر از بیشتر میکردند تا غبار خاطر گفت بخاطر
نیده و در ساحت جا و جاگیر تعین نمودند *

(6b) از قبل میرزا خان خلاص ساخته خدای تعالی بایشان
- و در آنوقت بیست و سه ساله بودند و هیچ فرزندی
زوی فرزند بسیار بودند - و در هفتمده سالگی از عایشه
سلطان احمد میرزا - دختری تولد شده بود و در سر ماهگی
ن کابل خدای تعالی مبارك کرده که هشت فرزند شد *
ماهم بیگم باشند - حضرت همایون بادشاه و باربول میرزا
ایشان دولت بیگم و فاروق میرزا *
ان بیگم دختر سلطان احمد میرزا - در حین زائیدن
ختر ماندند *

زا و عسکری میرزا و شاهرخ میرزا و سلطان

(۷) واز دلدار بیگم گلرنگ بیگم و گلچهره بیگم و هندال میرزا و گلبدن بیگم
و آکور میرزا *

غرض که گرفتن کابل را شگون گرفته بودند که همه فرزندان در کابل
شده اند غیر دو بیگم که در خوست شده اند مهرجان (sic) (7a) بیگم از
ماه بیگم و گلرنگ بیگم از دلدار بیگم *

تولد حضرت هایون پادشاه که پسر کلان حضرت فردوس مکانی اند —
ولادت مبارک ایشان در شب سه شنبه چهارم ذی قعدة سنه ۹۱۳ نهصد
و سیزده — در ارك کابل ۸ وقت که آفتاب در برج حوت بود — تولد
شدند — و در همان سال حضرت فردوس مکانی خود را فرمودند به امرا
و سایر الناس که مرا بابر پادشاه گوئید، والا اوایل قبل از تولد حضرت
هایون پادشاه میرزا بابر موسوم و مرسوم بودند، بلك همه پادشاهان و پادشاهان
میرزا می گفتند، و در سال تولد ایشان خود را بابر پادشاه گویندند * تاریخ
تولد حضرت جنّت آشیانی سلطان هایون خان یافته اند — و دیگر شاه فیروز
قدر یافته اند *

و بعد از تولد فرزندان خبر آمد که شاهی بیگم خان را شاه اسماعیل
کشت *

حضرت پادشاه کابل را بناصر میرزا داده خود اهل و عیال و فرزندان،
که هایون پادشاه و مهر جهان بیگم (7b) و بابل میرزا و معصومه سلطان
بیگم و میرزا کامران باشند — همراه گرفته متوجه سمرقند شدند — و بامداد
شاه اسماعیل فتح سمرقند کردند — و نا هشت ماه تمامی ماوراءالنهر در تحت
تصرف ایشان بود — و از ناموافقی برادران و مخالفت اهل مغل در بکول
ملک او عید الله خان شکست یافتند و نتوانستند در آن ولایت بود * پس
جانب بدخشان و کابل متوجه شدند — و دیگر خیال ماوراءالنهر از سر بدر
کردند — و در سنه ۹۱۰ نهصد و ده ولایت کابل میسر شد بود *

دام درین هوس بودند که در هندستان (sic) در آیند و از سُست رائ
 امرا و ناموافقی برادران مُسَر و مُسَخَّرنی شد * آخر الوقت که برادران
 رفتند، و از امرا یان همچو کسی نماند که خلاف مقصود ایشان توانند حکایتی
 کرد. — در سنه ^{۹۲۵} نهصد و بیست و پنج بجزوررا بجنک در دوسه گری
 گرفتند. — و مردم بجزوررا قتل عام کردند *

و در روز مذکور ملك منصور یوسفی که پدر افغانی آغاچه باشد —
 آمد حضرت را ملازمت (8a) کرد * حضرت بادشاه دخترش افغانی
 آغاچه را گرفته در عقد خود در آوردند و ملك منصوررا رخصه دادند —
 واسپ و سروپای پادشاهانه * عنایت فرمودند که رفته مردم و رعایا و
 غیره را آورده بوطن های خود آبادان سازد *

وقاس بیگ که در کابل بود عرضه داشت فرستاد که شاه زاده نو توب
 شد * بشگون فتح هند و تخت املش گستاخی کرده نوشته ام * دیگر بادشاه
 صاحب اند — هرچه رضای ایشان * بادشاه در ساعت میرزا هندال نام
 نهادند *

و بعد فتح بجزور بجانب بهیره روان شدند، و در بهیره آمدند و تالان ^۲ نکردند
 الامان داده، چهار لك شاهرخی گرفته بمردم لشکر بعدد نوكر نسیم کرده،
 متوجه کابل شدند *

درین اثنا از مردم بدخشان عرضه داشت آمد که میرزا خان فوت
 شد — میرزا سلیمان خورد سال و اوزبک نزدیک — فکر این ولایت بکاید
 که مباد بدخشان از دست برود * تا فکر بدخشان کردن والدۀ میرزا
 سلیمان میرزای (8b) مذکور را گرفته آورده بود * حضرت بادشاه حسب
 المدعا و خاطر خواه ایشان جای نشیست و جایگز پدر تعیین نمودند

* پادشاه and بادشاه The M.S. writes indifferently (پادشاهانه)
 With equal caprice it inserts gamma, hamza, under-dotted sin, &c..

و بخشاین را بهایون پادشاه دادند. — وهایون پادشاه متوجه آنصوبه
گشتند *

حضرت بادشاه و آکم هم متعاقب بیدخشان رفتند، و چند روزی با یکدیگر بهم گذراندند * حضرت هایون بادشاه آنجا آمدند، و بادشاه ما با هم و آکم بکابل آمدند *

۰ و بعد چند گاه متوجه قلات و قندهار شدند، و در ساعت که بقاتل رسیدند فتح کرده متوجه قندهار شدند — و مردم قندهار تا یکیم سال در قلعه بندی بودند * بعد یکیم سال بمجنگ و جدل بسیار قندهار را بعنایت آلهی فتح نمودند، و زر بسیار بدست افتاده و بسیای و مردم لشکر زرها و شترها بخش کردند — و قندهار را بمیرزا کامران دادند — و خود متوجه کابل شدند *

روز جمعه غره صفر سنه نهصد و سی و دو که آفتاب در برج قویس
 بود. — پیش‌خانه بر آورده از پشته يك لنگه گذشته (9a) در جلگه دبه $\frac{1}{\text{پیش‌خانه}}$
 یعقوب نرول اجلال فرمودند * دیگر $\frac{1}{\text{پیش‌خانه}}$ آنجا مقام کردند، و روز دیگر کوچ $\frac{2}{\text{روزی}}$
 بکوچ متوجه هندستان شدند *

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و از سنه نهصد و سی و پنج درین هفت هشت سال چند مرتبه لشکر
بجانب هندوستان (sic) که کرده اند، در هر مرتبه ولایتی و پرگنه تسخیری
نموده اند— مثل بهیره و بحور و سیالکوت و دیپالپور و لاهور و غیره، تا آنکه
مرتبه پنجم روز جمعه غره صفر سنه نهصد و سی و دو از دیه یعقوب
نزول اجلال کوچ بکوچ متوجه هندستان شدند، و لاهور و سرهند و هر
ولایت که در سر راه بود فتح کردند— بتاریخ هشتم ماه رجب روز جمعه
سنه ۹۳۲ در پایت بسطان ابراهیم بن سلطان سکندر بن بهلول لودی جنگ
صف کرده— بعنایت آلهی غالب آمدند— و سلطان ابراهیم در آن جنگ
کشته گشته— و این فتح محض از عنایت آلهی بود— از برای آنکه سلطان

ابراهيم يك لك و هشتاد هزار سوار داشت و تا هزار پنجاه زنجير فيل مسٓت (9b)، و لشكر حضرت بادشاه خود مع سوداگر و نيك و بدر دوازده هزار كس بوده، و سپاهي كار آمدني نهايتش شش هفت هزار كس بود * و خزانه پنج بادشاه بدست ايشان افتاد و همه را بخش کردند * درين اثناء امرای هندستان عرض کردند كه در هندستان عيب است خزينهٔ پادشاهان ماضی را خرج كردن، بلكه خزينه را اضافه نموده نموده جمع کنند، و حضرت بر عكس آن كردند كه تمامی خزينه ها را بخش کردند *

و خواجه كلان بيگ چند مرتبه رخصه، كابل طلبیدند كه مزاج من بهوای هند موافق نیست * اگر رخصت شود چند گاه در كابل آنجا باشم — و حضرت بجدای خواجه اصلاً اصلاً و قطعاً راضی نبودند * آخر چون دیدند كه خواجه بسیار مبالغه دارند، رخصت دادند، و فرمودند كه چون مبروید تحفه و هديهٔ هند را كه از فتح سلطان ابراهيم بدست افتاده بولی نعمتيان (sic) و همشيرها و اهل حرم میخواهم فرستم (sic) — همراه بريد، و مفصل نوشته میدهم * از روی مفصل (10a) تقسيم نمائيد، و بگوئيد كه در باغ و ديوانخانه هر کدام بيگان سرابردها و جادرها علاحه بنزند — و معركه خوبی کرده و سجن شكر حق سبحانه به جا آورند كه فتحی کلی روی نموده، و بهر يگي بدین تفصيل رسانند — يك پاتر خاصه از پاتران سلطان ابراهيم، يا يك ركبى طلا پر جواهر، و لعل و مرواريد، و باقوت و الماس، و زمرد و فيروزه، و زبريد و عين الھر — و دو خوانچه صدفی پر اشرفی، و در دو خوان ديگر شاهرخي، و هر جنسی پارچهای ^{توقوز} توقوز، كه چهار خوان و يك ركبى، و يك پاتر و يك ركبى جواهر، و هريك خوان از هر جنس اشرفی و شاهرخي كه حكم کرده بود، و ركبى جواهر و همان پاتر را كه به ولی نعمتان خود پيشكش کرده ام، برده گذرانند، و ديگر پيشكش کرده ام آنها را در عقب آن گذرانند — و خواهران و فرزندان و حرمان و خوشاوندان

ما گردد * حق سبحانه مالک هندوستان را بما عطا کرده بیاید ۱۰ دولت را بهم بینیم *

واز دختر سلطان ابو سعید میرزا هفت بیگم آمد بودند. گوهر شاد بیگم و فخر جهان بیگم و خدیجه سلطان بیگم و بدیع الجمال بیگم و آق بیگم و سلطان بهمت — و زینب سلطان خانم دختر تغای پادشاه سلطان محمود خان و محب سلطان خانم دختر الاجه خان تغای خورد حضرت پادشاه بودند * قصه مختصر همه بیگمان و خانمان نود و شش (11b) کس بودند * بهمه آنها جای و جاگیر و انعامات خاطرخواه تعین کردند *

و مدت چهار سال که در آگره بودند هر روز جمعه بدیدن عمهای خود میرفتند * یک روز هوا بغایت گرم بود و حضرت آکم گفتند که هوا بغایت گرم است — اگر یک جمعه نروید چه شود؟ بیگمان ازین سخن نخواهند رنجید * پادشاه با آکم * گفتند — ما هم از نو عجب است که این سخنان بگوئی * دختران حضرت ابو سعید سلطان میرزا که از پدر و برادران خود جدا شده اند — من اگر خاطر جوی ایشان نکم چون شود؟

بخواجه فاسم معمار حکم کردند — خدمتی خوبت میفرمایم و آن آنست که عمهای ما هرکاری و یا مهمی در دربخانه داشته باشد — بجان و دل خود خدمات دربخانه ولی نعمتان را بتقدیم رسانی *

و در آگره آنروی آب عمارتها فرمودند، و خانه سنگین که خلونخانه ایشان میانه حرم و باغ، و در دیوانخانه هم خانه سنگین راست کرده بودند — و در میانه خانه حوضی و چهار حجره در چهار برج خانه — و در کنار دریا (12a) چوکندی راست کرده بودند — و در دهولپور هم از یک

* (آکم) Up to this point this alternative name of Maham has been written آکم. Now (as elsewhere in some other works) the orthography of the writer improves and the correct spelling is given آکه ام my Lady.

پارهٔ سنگ حوض ده در دهی نرموده بودند، وی گفتند که هرگاه این حوض طیار شود بشراب پر خواهم کرد* چون قبل از جنگ رعنا* سنگا که از شراب توبه کرده بودند بشریت لیمون پر کردند*

بعد از فتح سلطان ابراهیم بعد از یکسال رعنا از طرف مندو* (or هندو) پیدا شد بلشکری حد*

از امرا و راجها و رانا هر کدام که آمدن حضرت بادشاه را ملازمت کرده بودند — هر چه باغی شده برعنا رفته پیوستند، تا کول جلالی و سنبهل و رابری همه برگنهاری و راجها و افغانان باغی شدند* قریب دو لک سوار جمع شد*

درین ولا محمد شریف منعم با مردم لشکر گفته که مناسب دولت آنست که حضرت بادشاه جنگ نکنند — که ستاره شکر*** بلدوز در برابر است* لشکر بادشاهی را عجب هیرانی دست داد، و بسیار متفکر و متألم

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* (رعنا) Perhaps a sarcasm is intended by changing the title *rānā* into the epithet *rā'na* — a foolish admirer of himself. Sangu is always so stigmatized, but so too are other and friendly *Rānās*. Cf. 48b.

** (مندو) Text uncertain. The enemy came from the side which from a military stand-point, was emphatically Hindu and also may be said colloquially to have come from the direction of Mauda.

*** (شکر) I am indebted to Mr. Beveridge for the interesting information in the following note. The *شکر* (Venus) of the text is, he believes, a mistake for *سکتر*, *Sakkiz*, eight, the Eight Stars being regarded as unpropitious by Persians. Gul-badan has perhaps confused the portents of a defeat by Shaibānī at Khwaja Kārdzīr in 1501 and the battle of Khanwa in 1527. Babar's statement about Khanwa is that Sharif gave warning that Mars was in the west and that whoever should come from the east, would be defeated.

Babar has a characteristic story of his having precipitated the fight at Kārdzīr (1501) because the Eight Stars were exactly between the opposing armies and if he had delayed, they would have favoured Shaibānī for 13 or 14 days. "These observances were all nonsense and my precipitation was without the least solid excuse." He lost the battle. Cf. Steingass Pers. Dict. 689; Vullers II. 310a; Mems. 92, 353, 368.

شدند و اظهار بی دلی مینمودند، و (12b) مردم لشکرا چون باین حالت دیدند ملاحظه کنی نمودند * چون غنیم نزدیک رسید ندیری که بخاطر مبارك ایشان رسید این بود که جمیع اُمرا و خوانین و سلاطین و وضع و شریف و صغیر و کبیر که از گریخته گان و باغی آنچه مانده بودند باقی را حکم فرمودند که همه جمع شوند * هر یک جمع شد آمدند * فرمودند که هیچ میدانند که میانه ما و وطن و شهر مالوف ما چند ماهه راه است * خدا از آن روز نگهدارد که اگر مردم شکست خورند — نعوذ بالله — ما کجا و وطن و شهر ما کجا که کار مردم اجنبی و بیگانه می افتد * پس همان بهتر که خود را باین دوشی قرار باید داد که اگر غنیم را می گشیم — غازی می شویم و اگر گشته می شویم — شهید می شویم * بهر دو تقدیر بهبود ما است، و درجه عظمی و مرتبه علیاست *

همه يك دل شد قبول کردند * بزن طلاق و مصحف سوگند خوردند و فاتحه خواندند و گفتند — پادشاه انشاء الله تعالی تا رمقی در جان و در بدن خواهد بود — در جان سپاری و جان نثاری خود را معاف (13a) نمیداریم * و قبل از جنگ رعنا سنگا به دو روز پیشتر حضرت بادشاه از شراب توبه کرده بودند — بلک از جمیع مناهی توبه کردند — و بجهت موافقت و متابعت چهار صد جوان نامی که دعوی مردانگی و یکدلی و يك جهتی می نمودند — در آن مجلس بطفیل حضرت بادشاه آنها نیز توبه کردند و جمیع آلات مناهی و طلا آلات و نقره آلات از پیاله و صراحی و غیره همه را شکسته بفقرا و مساکین بخش کردند *

و فرمانها باطراف و جوانب بتاکید تمام فرستادند که از باج و تمغا و زکاة و حوبات و تکلیفات نامشروع همه را معاف کردیم — که هیچ احدی و فردی

مزارحمت بحال آمد و رفت شود اگر و غیره نرساند و گذارند تا مرفه
الحال و فارغ البال آمد و رفت نمایند *

روزی که به رعنا سنگا جنگ خواهد شد، در شب آن قاسم حسین
سلطان، نواسه دختری سلطان حسین میرزا، که پسر عایشه سلطان بیگم
باشد، در شب مذکور خبر آمد که قاسم حسین میرزا از خراسان
آمد در ده کروهی رسید * (131) حضرت را از استماع این خبر خوش
حالی گئی روی نمود * فرمودند که چه مقدار کس همراه دارد؟ چون
تحقیق نمودند سی چهل سوار بوده فی الحال هزار سوار مسلح و مکمل نیم
شب فرستادند که همان شب همراه شد آمدند — تا مردم غنیم و یگانه
دانند که کومک آمد رسید و بوقت آمد * هر که این رای و تدبیر را شنید
بسیار پسندید *

و صباح آن که ماه جمیع الاول ^{۹۳۳} سه نهصد و سی و سه بوده در دامن ^{۱۳} بجای ایشان
کوه سیکری، که الحال فتح پور بر بالای آن کوه آبادان شد — به رعنا سنگا
جنگ صف شد، بعنایت الهی فتح کردند و غازی شدند *
بعد از فتح رعنا سنگا بعد يك سال آکام، که ماهم بیگم باشند، از کابل
به هندوستان آمدند، و ابن حقیر هم همراه ایشان پیشتر از همشیرها آمد،
حضرت بادشاه بابام را ملازمت کردم، و آکام در کول رسیدند که
حضرت بادشاه دو محافه سه رکیب فرستادند * از کول باگره ایلغار
کرده رفتند، و حضرت بادشاه خیال داشتند که تا کوه لجالی پیشواز
(148) روند * نازشام یکی آمد گفت که حضرت را در دو کروهی
گذاشته آمدیم * حضرت بادشاه بابام تا اسب آوردن تحمل نکردند
و بیاده روان شدند و در بیشخانه نچه ماهم در خوردند * آکام میخواستند
که پیاده شوند * بادشاه بابام نماندند و خود در جلی آکام تا خانه خود
پیاده آمدند *

وقتی که آکام پیش بادشاه بابام می آمدند مرا حکم کردند که در روز روشن آمدن حضرت را ملازمت کنید *

نه رکیب و دو توقوز اسپ و دو محافه کوتل که بادشاه بابام فرستاده بودند و یک محافه که از کابل آورده بودند — قریب صد مغلانی خدمتگاران آکام بر اسپان پیوجاق سوار پر زیب و زینت *

و خلیفه بابام با سلطانم کوچ خود تا نوگرام پیشواز آمدند و من در محافه بودم * مامهای من در باغچه مرا فرود آورده بودند، و زلجه (sic) انداخته بالای زلجه مرا نشانند، و بمن اموختند که وقتی خلیفه بابام بیایند شما استاده شده در یابید * چون خلیفه بابام آمد من استاده دریافتم * درین ضمن سلطانم (14b) کوچ ایشان هم آمد * من نادانسته میخواستم که برخیزم که خلیفه بابام بنیاد مبالغه پیش نهادند که این پیر داه شما است — باین برخاستن حاجت نیست * پدر شما این پیر غلام خود را سرافراز کرده اند که در باب او اینچنین حکم فرموده اند * روا باشد بندها را چه مجال است ؟

پیشکش خلیفه بابام پنج هزار شاهرخ و پنج اسپ گرفتم و سلطانم کوچ ایشان سه هزار شاهرخ و سه اسپ پیشکش کرد و گفت — ما حاضری طیار است، اگر نوش جان کنند سرافرازی ببندها خواهد بود * قبول کردم — در جای خوب صُفه کلان راست کرده، و چاه و سفرلات سرخ اندرون زربفت گجراتی، و شش شامیانه سفرلات و زربفت — هر کدام بیک رنگ، و چهار چوقه سرابرده سفرلات، و چوبهای سرابرده همه رنگ بود * در منزل خلیفه بابام نشستم — ما حاضری کشید تا قریب پنجاه (sic) گوسفند بریان و نان و شربت و میوه بسیار * عاقبت الامر طعام خورده در محافه در آمد در ملازمت حضرت بادشاه بابام آمد ملازمت (15a) کردم

* (نه) What follows appears to be an incomplete and perhaps misplaced description of Akām's cortège.

و در پای افتادم، و حضرت پرسش بسیار نمودند * زمانی در بغل نشاندند، و این حقیر را در آن اثنا آنقدر خوشحالی روی نمود که مزیدی بر آن متصور نباشد *

بعد از آمدن آگره سه ماه گذشته بود که حضرت بادشاه متوجه دهولپور شدند، و حضرت ماه بیکم و این حقیر به سیر دهولپور رفتم * در دهولپور نحوضی ده درده راست کرده بودند از يك پرچه * از آنجا بسیکری رفتند * صفت کلانی در میانه کول حکم کردند که راست بکنند * وقتی که آن راست شد در کشتی نشسته آنجا میرفتند و سیر می کردند و می نشستند — که تا حال هم آن صفت مذکور هست * و در سیکری در باغ چوکدی هم راست کرده بودند * حضرت بادشاه بابام در آن چوکدی * نورخانه برپا کرده در آن نشسته مصحف می نوشتند *

و من و افغانی آغاچه در پیش در پایان نشسته بودیم که آگام بنواز رفتند * من با افغانی آغاچه گفتم که دست مرا بکشید * افغانی آغاچه دست مرا کشیدند * دست من برآمد، و من (15b) بیطاقی و گریه کردن گرفتم * آخر کمان گرا آورده دست مرا بسته متوجه آگره شدند *

و در آگره رسیدند بودند که خبر آوردند که بیگمان از کابل می آیند * حضرت بادشاه بابام پیشواز آگه جانم که عمه کلان من و خواهر کلان حضرت بادشاه بابام بودند تا نوگرام پیشواز رفتند، و همه بیگمان در ملازمت آگه جانم در منزل ایشان ملازمت کردند * خوشحالیها نمودند، و

* Erskine (202n.) says "perhaps a space enclosed by a low railing." Chardin (*Voyage en Perse*) has a picture of a grandee seated within an enclosure (at sides and back) which as he sits, appears to reach his shoulders. Perhaps this is a *tūr-khūna*. Zenker describes it as a seat of honour of the nature of a throne. It would supply a necessity of Indian life, if one might read *taur*, net, and allow the royal author a mosquito-room.

سجدهات شکر بجا آوردند، و متوجه آگره شدند - و بهمه بیگمان حویلیها عنایت فرمودند، و بعد از چند روز بسوی باغ زرافشان رفتند *

و در باغ مذکور وضوخانه بود * آنرا که دیدند فرمودند - "دل من از سلطنت و بادشاهی گرفته در باغ زرافشان بگوشه بنشینم - و از برای خدمتکاری طاهر آفتابچی بمن بسیار است - و بادشاهی را به همایون بدهم" * درین اثنا حضرت آکام و همه فرزندان گریه و بیطاقی کرده گشتند که خدای تعالی شمارا در مسند پادشاهی سالهای بسیار و قرنهای یشمار در امان خود نگاه دارد، و همه فرزندان (16 a) در قدم شما بکمال پیری برسند *

بعد از چند روز آلور میرزا بیمار شدند، و بیماری ایشان بدرد شکم کشیده، که هر چند حکیم ها و اطبا علاج کردند - بیماری ایشان پیشتر از پیشتر شد * آخر بهمان بیماری از عالم فانی بعالم جادوانی خرامیدند * حضرت بادشاه بسیار تأسف و غم خوردند * والد میرزا آلور که دلدار بیگم باشند - از غم و غصه آن فرزند - که نادر جهان و یگانه عصر بود - سودا پیدا کردند * چون دلگیری از حد گذشت، حضرت بادشاه باکام و بیگمان گفتند - "بیائید - بسیر دهولپور بروم" - و خود در کشتی نشسته بسعادت و سلامت از آب گذشتند و بد هولپور مذکور رفتند * بیگمان نیز میخواستند که در کشتی نشسته از آب بگذرند *

که در این اثنا عرضه داشت مولانا محمد فرغری * از دهلی آمد * نوشته بود که همایون میرزا بیمار اند، و حال عجیبی دارند، بشنیدن این خبر حضرت بیگم زودی زود متوجه دهلی می باید شوند که میرزا (16 b) بسیار بیطاقی میکنند * بجزر شنیدن این خبر حضرت آکام بیطاقی کرده * مانند نشئه که مهجور آب باشد - بجانب دهلی متوجه شدند * در منتهر رسیدند، چنانچه شنیده بودند از آن ده چند مضعوف و مجهول، بچشم جهان بین

* Sic. Parghālī is the usual form. (فرغالی)

خوش دیدند — و از آنجا هر دو — مادر و پسر — مانند عیسی و مریم —
مواجه آگوه شدند *

و در جینی که باگوه در رسیدند — این حقیر همراه همشیرها ملازمت آن^ه
حضرت فرستۀ خصال رفته کردم — چون ضعیف^ه ایشان بیشتر از پیشتر^{ضعف}
بود در این وقت هرگاه که آن حضرت بهوش خویشی می آمدند از
زبان درافشان خویش پرسش می فرمودند که "خواهران خوش آمدید —
بیائید تا یکدیگر را دریابیم که شمارا در نیافته ایم" * قریب سه مرتبه
سرافراز کرده از زبان گوهرانشان خود باین عبارت سرافراز فرمودند *
و چون حضرت آمدند و دریافتند — بجزرد بدن آن چهرۀ نورافشان
در کلفت و رقت شد، و ایشان بیشتر از پیشتر اظهار بیدلی کردن گرفتند *
درین اثنا حضرت (17a) آگام گفتند که "شما از فرزند من غافلید —
و پادشاه ابد چه غم دارد — و فرزندان دیگر نیز دارید * مرا غم است که
فرزند یگانه دارم" * حضرت جواب دادند که "ما هم اگرچه فرزندان دیگر
دارم — اما هیچ فرزندی برابرهایون نو دوست نمی دارم — از برای آنکه
سلطنت و پادشاهی و دنیای روشن از برای یگانه جهان و نادرۀ دوران
کامگار برخوردار فرزند دلیند هایون میخواهم — نه برای دیگران" *
وقتی که ایشان بسیار بودند حضرت رونک حضرت مرتضی علی کرم الله
وجه نگاه داشتند — و آن رونک را از روز چهار شنبه نگاه میدارند *
ایشان از اضطراب و بیطاقی از روز سه شنبه نگاه داشتند * هوا بغایت
گرم بود * دل و جگر ایشان تنفید — و در رونک مذکور دعا خواستند که
"خدایا — اگر بعوض جان جان مبدل شود — من که بابر ام — عمر و جان
خود را به هایون بخشیدم" — و در همان روز حضرت فردوس مکانی را
تشویش شد (17b)، و هایون پادشاه بر سر خود آب ریختند، و بیرون آمد
بار دادند، و حضرت پادشاه بابام را از جهت تشویش درون بردند *

فریب دو سه ماه صاحب فراش بودند، و میرزا هایون بجانب کالج رفتہ بودند * چون تشویش حضرت بهدشاه پیشتر شک — بطالب حضرت هایون بادشاه کس فرستادند * ایشان بایلغار رسیدند * چون حضورا ملازمت کردند — ایشان را بسیار ضعیف دیدند * حضرت هایون بادشاه رفت تمام نموده — بیطاقتی کردن گرفتند، و بخدمتگاران می گفتند که "یکبارگی چرا ازین قسم زارتزار گشته اند" — و اطبا و حکما را طلبیدند و گفتند که "من ایشان را تندرست گذاشته رفته بودم — یکبارگی چه شد؟ حکما و اطبا چیزها می گفتند *

و حضرت بادشاه بابام هر زمان و هر ساعت می پرسیدند که "هایون * کجا است؟ وجه کار می کند؟ درین اثنا یکی آمد گفت که "پسر میر خورده بیگک میر بردی بیگک کورنش میرساند" * فی الحال حضرت بادشاه (18a) بابام باضطراب تمام طلبید پرسیدند که هندال کجا است؟ کی خواهد آمد؟ چه بلا انتظار داد؟ * میر بردی گفت که شاهزاده کامگار بدلی رسید اند — امروز فردا بخدمت خواهند رسید * درین اثنا حضرت بادشاه بابام به میر بردی بیگک گفتند که "مردک بدبخت — شنیدم ام که خواهر ترا در کابل کدخدا کردند، و ترا در لاهور کدخدا کردند — برای این طوهای پسر مرا زودتر نمی آوردی — که انتظار از حد گذشت" — و می پرسیدند که "هندال میرزا چه مقدار شده است و به که مانند است؟ چون میر بردی بیگک جامه میرزا پوشیده بود نمود که این جامه شاهزاده است که به بنده عنایت فرموده اند" * حضرت پیشتر طلبیدند که "به بینم قد و قامت هندال چه مقدار شک است" — و هر زمان هر ساعت می گفتند که "هزار دریغ که هندال را ندیدم" * هر کس که می آمد می پرسیدند که "هندال کی خواهد آمد؟

* (هایون) This is probably a clerical error for *Hindal*.

** (ذی) The text has no negative but it is required by the context.

و-ر حین بیماری حکم کردند باکام که گلرنگ بیگم و گلچهره بیگم را
 بکشد خدا باید کرد (18b) و هرگاه که حضرت عمه جیو* تشریف ارزانی
 فرمایند معلوم ایشان بکنید که بادشاه میگویند بخاطر من میرسد که گلرنگ را
 به ایسن نیمور سلطان و گلچهره را به توخته بوغا سلطان نسبت بکنم* آکا جانم
 نبسم کنان آمدند* به ایشان گفتند که "حضرت بادشاه این قسم می فرمایند
 که بخاطر من چنین رسید- باقی آنچه رضای ایشان باشد- همان طور
 بکنند*" حضرت آکه جانم نیز گفتند که "خدا مبارک و سازکاری کند-
 بسیار خوب بخاطر ایشان رسید*" جیجیم** خود و بدیع الجمال بیگم و آق
 بیگم هر دو عمه بردالان بردند* صفا*** داده و بساطها انداخته
 ساعت را ملاحظه کرده نپه ماهم هر دو سلطانان را زانو زانیده به دامادی
 سرافراز بکنند*

درین ضمن تشویش شکم ایشان پیشتر شد* حضرة هایون بادشاه
 که احوال پدر خراب تر دیدند- باز بیطاقت شدند* اطبا و حکما را
 طلبیده گفتند "نیک ملاحظه کرده علاج تشویش حضرت نمائید*" اطبا
 و حکما (19a) جمع شد گفتند که کم طالعی مایان است که داروی کارگر نی
 شود* امیدوارم از حضرت حق سبحانه که از خزانه غیب شفای عاجل
 عطا کند* درین حین چون نبض آنحضرت دیدند- اطبا بعرض رسانیدند
 که "علامت همان زهر است که والد سلطان ابراهیم داده بود"- و
 آنچنانست که بیک بدبخت بدست داه خود یک توچه زهر داده بود که برده

* (جیو) By this term of endearment *Hamida-bānū*, Akbar's mother addressed the dying Gul-badan.

** (جیجیم) I believe this should be جیجیجام. A similar omission of the *alif* is not infrequent in the M.S. Cf. ماماها for مامیها (14b). So also of the points of the *yā* and the *che*.

*** (صفا) As in this M.S. *alif* is several times written for *hā'i* *hanwaz*, I translate صغه, estrade, raised seat and not صفا.

بدست احمد چاشنی گیر بد و بگو که هرطور کرده در آش خاصه بادشاهی اندازد و بار و عن بسیار کرده بود * با وجود آنکه حضرت پادشاهی آن بین بدبخت را مادر می گفتند و جا و جاگیر تعیین کرده رعایت کلی فرموده بودند — و فرموده بودند که مرا بجای سلطان ابراهیم خود بدان * اما از آنجا که جهل در آن قوم غالب است رعایتها را منظور نداشت * مشهور است — باز گردد باصل خود همه چیز * قصه مختصر آن زهر که با آن باورچی آورده داده بود باورچی را الله تعالی کور و کر ساخته بود که زهر را بالا نانی پاشید بود کمتر تناول کرده بودند * اما اصل بیماری از اثر همان بود که روز بروز ضعیف و نحیف میشدند و هر روز تشویش (19b) ایشان در تزايد بود و چهره مبارك ایشان در تغیر که فرداش همه امرایان را طلبید فرمودند که سالهای بود که در دل داشتم که بادشاهی خود را بهما یون میرزا بدهم و خود در باغ زرافشان بگوشه نشینم * از کرم آلهی همه چیز میسر شد اما آن نشد که در تندرستی خود این امر را بکنم * الحال این تشویش مرا زبون کرده وصیت میکنم که همه ایشان هایون را بجای من دانند — و در دولت خواهی او تقصیر نکنید و به او موافق و یکجهت باشید * از حق سبحانه امیدوارم که هایون هم مردم خوب پیش خواهد آمد * دیگر هایون ترا و برادران ترا و همه خویشان و مردم خود را و ترا بخدا می سپارم و این هارا بتو می سپارم * از این سخنان حاضران و ناظران را گریه و زاری دست داد و خود هم چشمان مبارك پر آب کردند *

این واقعه را اهل حرم و مردم درون شنیدند * طرفه حالی و بیطاقی و گریه و زاری دست داد * بعد از سه روز از عالم فانی بعالم جاودانی خرامیدند * بتاریخ پنجم ماه جمیع الاول روز دوشنبه ^{۹۳۷} سنه نهصد و سی و هفت بود که شفقار شدند *

عمه مارا و مادران مارا (20a) به بهانه برآوردند که طبیبان و حکیمان

برای دیدن می آیند * همه برخواستند همه بیگمان را و مادران مرا بخانه کُلان بردند * رفرزندان و خویشان و غیره مردم را روز سیاه افتاد و طرفه زاری و فریاد و فغان و بیطاعتی کردن گرفتند — و هرکس بگوشه پنهانی این روز سیاه داشتند *

و واقعه ایشان را پنهان میکردند * آخر الامر آرایش خان نام یکی اسزای هند بود — او عرضه داشت که پنهان کردن این امر خوب نیست از برای آنکه در هندوستان رسم است که اگر پادشاهان را واقعه چنین دست میدهد — مردم بازاری تاراج میکنند * مباده مغلان نا دانسته در خانهای و در حویلهای در آمد تاراج بکنند * مناسب آنست که بیک کسی جامه سرخ پوشانند و بر فیل سوار بکنند و از بالاء فیل منادی بکند که حضرت بابر پادشاه درویش شدند و پادشاهی خود را بهمایون پادشاه دادند * و حضرت هایون پادشاه حکم فرمودند که چنین بکنید * بجزر منادی کردن مردم را خیلی تسلی شد (20 b) و همه مردم دعای دولت ایشان میکردند * بتاریخ نهم شهر مذکور روز جمع حضرت هایون پادشاه بخت نشستند — و پادشاهی ایشان را همه عالم مبارک باد گفتند *

بعد از آن بدیدن مادران و خواهران و مردم خود آمده — پرسش و دلداری داده نوازش و غم خواریها فرمودند — و حکم فرمودند هرکس هر منصبی و خدمتی و جاگیری و جای که داشت — همه بحال خود باشد و بخدمت خود بدستور سابق قیام نماید *

و در روز مذکور میرزا هندال از کابل آمد حضرت پادشاه را ملازمت کرد * برو مهربانی ها کردند و بسیار خوشحال شدند * از خزاین که از پدر مانده بود چیز بسیار بمیرزا هندال عنایت فرمودند *

بعد از وفات حضرت پادشاه بابام برات و ایام متبرکه اول معرکه بر سر مزار حضرت پادشاه بابام می شد و محمد علی عیس را متولی مزار حضرت

کردند — و شصت حافظ خوشخوان و خوشالخان قاری را مقرر فرمودند که پنج وقت نماز بجماعت بخوانند و ختم قرآن بکنند و فاتحه بارواح حضرت فردوس مکانی میخوانند باشند * و سیکری که الحال (21a) فتح پور مشهور است درو بست و مع زیادی پنج لك از بیانه وقف مزار حضرت کردند که برای خرج علما و حفاظ و غیره که تعلق مزار دارند صرف می شد باشد * دو وقت آش آکام تعیین فرمودند — صباح يك گاو و دو گوسفند و پنج بز — و نماز دیگر پنج بز * تا دو نیم سال که آکام در قید حیا بودند این طعام دو هفته از سرکار ایشان بر سر مزار بخش میکردند *

و تا زمانی که آکام حیات بودند در دولتخانه آکام حضرت بادشاه را میدیدم * وقتی که آکام بد حال شدند بمن گفتند که بسیار مشکل میناید که بعد از فوت من دختران پادشاه برادر خود را در خانه کلبرگ بیتی به بینند * گویا که سخن حضرت آکام در دل و هوش حضرت بادشاه بود — تا در هندوستان بودند — دایم در خانه ما آمدن مایان را میدیدند و مهربانی و عنایت و شفقت بیحد میکردند — و بمصومه سلطان بیگم و گلرنگ بیگم و گلچهره بیگم و غیره — همه بیگمان که کد خدا شده بودند — حضرة پادشاه در خانه این حقیر می آمدند — و همه بیگمان در خانه این حقیر آمدن ملازمت حضرت بادشاه میکردند (21b) غرض که حضرت بادشاه حاضرجوی این شکسته را بعد از وفات پادشاه بابام و آکام به چنین عنایت میکردند و شفقت بیحد در باره این بیچاره میفرمودند که بیتی و بی سری خود را ندانستم *

مدّة ده سال که بعد از وفات حضرت فردوس مکانی — حضرت جنت آشیانی در هند بودند همه مردم در رفاهیت و امنیت و فرمانبرداری و اطاعت بودند * بعد از واقعه فردوس مکانی بین * و بایزید بعد از شش

ماه از طرف گور رسیدند * بجزد استماع این خبر حضرت پادشاه از آگره متوجه آنها شدند و بین و یابزید را شکست داده به چنده آمدند — و چنده را نیز گرفته به آگره آمدند *

و آکام که مام بیگم باشند بسیار در طلب و آرزو بودند که فرزندی هابیون را به بینم — و هر جا که دختر صاحب حسن و جمال می بود — در خدمت حضرت پادشاه می آوردند * و میوه جان که دختر خدنگ بساویل بود در خدمت من بود * (بعد) از قضا حضرت فردوس مکانی روزی در حیات خود فرمودند — هابیون — میره جان بد نیست — چرا در خدمت خود نمی گیری ؟ — آخر بگفتند ایشان هابیون (22a) پادشاه همان شب عقد بسته میوه جان را گرفتند — و بعد از سه روز بیگم از کابل آمدند و حامله شدند * بعد از يك سال دختر تولد شد و نامش را عقیقه بیگم نهادند * و آکه ماه بیگم را میوه جان میگفت که من نیز حامله ام * آخر آکام دو طریق* براق طیار کردند و می گفتند — هر کدام که از شمایان پسر بزاید براق نیک را بان میدهم — و براق بسته و بدام و چار مغز از طلا و نقره راست کرده بودند — و براق* بلقان نیز راست کرده بودند و خوشحال بودند که شاید یکی از این ها پسر زاید — و چشم انتظار داشتند که بیگم عقیقه بیگم را زائیدند * الحال چشم برآه میوه جان داشتند که ده ماه شد و یازدهم ماه نیز گذشت * میوه جان میگفت که خاله من حرم میرزا الغ بیگ بودند * در دوارده ماه پسر زائیدند * من هم شاید که بدان مانند شد باشم * و خرگاهها دوخته و توشک ها پر کرده * آخر همه معلوم شد که هوسپک*** بوده *

* (طریق) The text has no points to the *yā* of my reading. If the prop were absent the word could be read *طریق*, *tarāq*, ply, fold i. e. sets. The sense of the two passages is, I think, that Maham got together two sets of arms of which one included of those a Mughal Commander.

** (براق) Text *yarāq-yalqān* for *yarāq-i-ilkhān*.

*** (هوسپک) ؟ an ambitious little person or a little mad-woman.

وبادشاه که بجانب چناده رفته بودند بدولت و سعادت آمدند*
 آقام که ماهم بیگم باشند — نوئی کلان دادند و بازاها را (22b) آیین
 بستند — و پیش ازین آیین بندی مردم بازار میکردند آخر ایشان مردم
 آدمی و سپاهی را هم حکم کردند تا جایهای خوب و مکانهای مرغوب راست
 بکنند* از آن پس آیین بندی درهند شایع شد*

و تخت مرصع که بچهار زینه می بر آمدند بالای او ادسقه* زردوزی
 و توشک و تکیه زردوزی انداختند و پوشش خرگاه و بارگاه اندرون
 زربفت فرنگی و بیرون از سقالات پرتگالی* چوبهای خرگاه و بارگاه بطلا
 ملمع کرده بودند* آن بسیار بزیب شده بود و عرلی** خرگاه از زرکش
 گجراتی و کنت و سرکنت و آفتابه جلابجن*** و شمع دان ها و مشربها و گلاب
 چاشنها همه از طلا و مرصه راست کرده بودند — و از همه اسباب مرتب
 ساخته نوئی خوبی و مرغوبی دادند* و دوازده قطار شتر و دوازده
 قطار خچر و هفتاد راس اسب نیوجاق و صد راس اسب بارگیر —

* (ادسقه) This word occurs thrice in the M.S. i. e., at 22b (here), at 26b — in the plural —, and at 28b. It is written clearly and confidently. Nothing like it has been yielded to our search by the Dictionaries. Mr. Beveridge suggests (1) that it may be a corrupt and domestic form of an Arabic word 'alāqaha' which he finds as what may be termed a corresponding word, in a description of the Peacock Throne and from this we assume the "hangings" of the translation. Or (2) it may be a corruption of the Turkī *asqī* "tout qui est suspendu pour ornement". Zenker 58b.

** (عرلی) † توغورلوق There are no points. Mr. A. G. Ellis has kindly helped me with the suggestion I have accepted. The meaning of توغورلوق is "feutre qui recouvre la tente". (P. de C. Turki Dict. 237.) As the lining of the festal tents is described in the preceding paragraph, I have placed the second among the gifts. Vambéry translates the word: *die obere Filzdecke des Zeltes*.

*** (جلابجن) I suggest جلابجن on the analogy of گلابجن. One looks for *bason* after *ever* but the word following آفتابه cannot be read as *chilumchī* or any other equivalent for *bason* which I can find. *Chilumchī*, i. e. *chilanchī* occur at 72a and does not resemble the doubtful word here rendered *julabjan*.

و هفت هزار کس خلعتِ خاص پوشانیدند و چند روز شادیهاً کردند *

و درین اثنا شنیدند که محمد زمان میرزا پدر حاجی محمد خان کوکی را کشت (23a) و خیال باغی شدن دارد * حضرت بادشاه برای طالب آنها کس فرستادند و آنها را گرفته در بیانه بند کرده بیادگار طغای سپردند — و مردم یادگار طغای یکی شد محمد زمان میرزا گریزانیدند * درین اثنا سلطان محمد میرزا و نیغوب سلطان میرزا را حکم شد که بچشم هر دو میل کشند * در میل کشیدن نیغوب کور شد و بمحمد سلطان میرزا کسی که میل کشید بچشم مشارالیه آسیب نرسانید * بعد از چند روز محمد زمان میرزا و محمد سلطان میرزا و پسرانش والوغ میرزا و شاه میرزا گریختند — و درین چند سال که در هند بودیم همیشه غوغای آنها بود *

و حضرت بادشاه که از لشکر بین و بایزید آمدند قریب یکسال در آگره بودند * به آکام عرض کردند که درین روزها دلگیرم * اگر حکم شود در ملازمت شما بسیر گوالیار برویم * حضرت آکام و آجم و همشیرها معصومه سلطان بیگم را که ماه چچه میگفتم و گلرنگ بیگم را گل چچه میگفتم در ملازمت ولی نعمتان در گوالیار بودیم *

و گلچهره بیگم در اوده بودند چرا که شوهر ایشان توخته بوغا سلطان برحمت حق پیوستند (23b) و مردم که در ملازمت بیگم بودند — از اوده بحضرت عرضه داشت کردند که توخته بوغا سلطان فوت شدند — بیگم را چه حکم میشود؟ حضرت بادشاه میرزاچه را حکم فرمودند که رفته بیگم را در آگره بیارد — ما نیز در آگره می آئیم *

درین اثنا حضرت آکام گفتند که اگر حکم شود بیگه بیگم و عقیقه را

* The rebellious Mirzās were of the house of Bayqarā (گریزانیدند) with which Māham Begam had relationship.

طلم که اینها هم گوالیارا به بینند * نوکار و خواجه کیرا فرستادند که
 بیگه بیگم و عقیقه سلطان بیگم را از آگره آوردند — و ده ماه در گوالیار با
 یکدیگر بهم گذرانیدند * بعد از آن متوجه آگره شدند — و در ماه شعبان
 در آگره آمدند *.

و در ماه شوال به آکام تشویش شکم شد * در سیزدهم شهر مذکور ^{۹۴۰} سنه
 نهصد و چهل از عالم فانی بعالم جاودانی خرامیدند — و فرزندان حضرة
 بادشاه بابام را داغ بتیمی تازه شد — بتخصیص بمن که ایسان خود مرا پرورش
 فرموده بودند * مرا طرفه حالی و بیطافتی و مصیبت صعب دست داده
 بود * شب و روز گریه و فغان و زاری میکردم * حضرت بادشاه چند مرتبه
 آمده دلداریها و غمخواریها و مهربانیها کردند * دو ساله بودم که
 حضرة آکام مرا در منزل (21a) خود بردند و پرورش کردند و ده ساله
 شدم که ایشان از عالم رحلت نمودند * نایک سال دیگر هم در منزل
 آکام بودم *

وقتی که حضرت بسیر دهولپور رفتند — در سال یازدهم همراه آجم شدم
 و پیش از آنکه بگوالیار روند و عمارات را بنا کرده رفتند *

و بعد از آتش چله آکام پادشاه بدلی تشریف بردند و بنای قلعه دین پناه
 نهادند و به آگره آمدند — و آکه جانم * بحضرت بادشاه گفتند که توی میرزا
 هندال کی می کنیدی؟ حضرت گفتند بسم الله — و در آن اثنا آکام حیات
 بودند که میرزا هندال نکاح کردند — اما موقوف باسباب توی بودند که
 سپارند — فرمودند که اسباب توی طلسم هم طیار است — اول توی طلسم
 بدم * بعد از آن توی میرزا هندال بکنم * حضرت بادشاه به آکه جانم
 گفتند که حضرة عمه چه میفرمایند؟ ایشان گفتند خدا مبارک و خیر
 کرداند *

، شرح نبوی خانه که در لب دریا راست کرده بودند — و نام آنرا طلسم نهاده بودند *

اول خانه کلانِ مثنی بود و در میانه خانه حوض (24b) مثنی و باز در میانه حوض صُفّه مثنی و بالای آن گلیمهای ولایتی انداخته — و اکثر جوانان و صاحب حسن دختران و زنانِ صاحب جمال و سازندها و گویندها، خوش آواز را حکم کردند که در حوض بنشینند و در پیشگاه خانه تخت مرصّع که آکام در توی عنایت کرده بودند نهاده و توشک زردوزی در پیش انداخته بودند *

حضرت پادشاه و آکه جانم در پیش تخت در يك توشک نشستند * و در دست راست آکه جانم عمهای ایشان دختران سلطان ابو سعید میرزا فخر جهان بیگم و بدیع الجمال بیگم و آق بیگم و سلطان بخت بیگم و گوهر شاد بیگم و خدیجه سلطان بیگم نشستند *

و در توشک دیگر عمهای ما که خواهران حضرت فردوس مکانی باشند — شهر بانو بیگم و یادگار سلطان بیگم و عایشه سلطان بیگم دختر سلطان حسین میرزا والوغ بیگم دختر زینب سلطان بیگم عمه حضرت پادشاه و عایشه سلطان بیگم و سلطانی بیگم دختر سلطان احمد میرزا عموی پادشاه (25a) و ادر کلان خان بیگم بیگه سلطان بیگم دختر سلطان خلیل میرزا عموی پادشاه و ماهم بیگم و بیگی بیگم دختر الف بیگم میرزا کابی عموی پادشاه — و خانزاده بیگم دختر سلطان مسعود میرزا از جانب مادری نواسه پابند محمد (sic) سلطان بیگم عمه پادشاه و شاه خانم دختر بدیع الجمال بیگم — و خانم بیگم دختر آق بیگم و زینب سلطان خانم دختر سلطان محمود خان طغائی کلان پادشاه — و محبه سلطان خانم دختر سلطان احمد خان که به الاجه خان مشهور بودند طغائی خورد پادشاه کلان و خانش خواهر میرزا حیدر دختر خاله پادشاه و بیگه کلان بیگم

و یکجک بیگم و شاه بیگم مادر دلشاد بیگم دخترِ فخرجهان بیگم عمه پادشاه و کچکه بیگم و آفاق بیگم دخترِ سلطان بخت بیگم و مهرلیق بیگم عمه پادشاه و شاد بیگم نواسه سلطان حسین میرزا از جانبِ مادری عمه پادشاه — و مهرانگیز بیگم دخترِ مظفر میرزا نواسه سلطان حسین میرزا — بسیار دوست میداشتند (25b) و لباسِ مردانه می پوشیدند و بانواع هنرها آراسته همچو زهگیری* تراشی و چوگان بازی و تیر اندازی و اکثر سازها می نواختند — و گل بیگم و فوق بیگم و جان سلطان بیگم و افروز بانو بیگم و آغه بیگم و فیروزه بیگم و برلاس بیگم*

و بیگمان دیگر هم بسیار بودند که بتفصیل نود و شش بیگم — همه علوفه دار بودند — و چندان دیگر هم بودند*

بعد از طوئی طلسم طوئی میرزا هندال شد — از بیگمان مذکور بعضی بولایت رفتند و بعضی که در آن مجلس حاضر بودند اکثر در دست راست نشسته بودند* از بیگمان مایان — آغه سلطان و آغاچه مادرِ یادگار سلطان بیگم — و آتون ماما و سلیمه و سکیته و بیبی حبیبه و حنیفه بیگه*

و مردم دیگر که بدستِ چپِ پادشاه نشسته بودند بر توشک زردوزی — معصومه سلطان بیگم و گلزنک بیگم و گلچهره و این حقیر شکسته گلبدن و عقیقه سلطان بیگم و آجم والدۀ ما که دلداری بیگم باشد — و گلبرگ بیگم و بیگه بیگم (26a) و نچه ماهم و سلطانم کوچِ امیر خلیفه و الوش بگم و ناهید بیگم و خورشید کوکه و کوکه زادهای پادشاه بابام — افغانی آغاچه و گلنار آغه و نازگل آغه چه و کوچِ هندو بیگم و مخدومه آغه و فاطیمه سلطان انکه مادرِ روشن کوکه — فخرنساء انکه مادرِ ندیم کوکه کوچِ میرزا قلی کوکه — کوچِ محمدی کوکه — کوچِ مؤید بیگم و کوکههای پادشاه — خورشید

* (زهگیری) I read *wa* before *tarāshī*.

کوک و شرف نشا کوک و فتح کوک و رابعه سلطان کوک و ماه لقا کوک و انگهای ما و کوکهای ما و مردم بیگان و کوچ اربابان و مردم که در دست راست بودند — سلیمه بیگه و بیبی نیکه و خاتم آغه دختر خواجه عبدالله مروارید و نگار آغه مادر مغل بیگ و نار سلطان آغه و آغه کوک کوچ منعم خان و دختر میرشاه حسین (?) عیس بیگه و کیسک ماه و کالی ماه و بیگی آغه و خاتم آغه و سعادت سلطان آغه و بیبی دولت بخت و نصیب آغه و عیس کالی و دیگر بیگه‌ها و آغها کوچ اربابان بدین طرف نشستند (26b) و همه در آن مجلس طوی حاضر بودند *

و طرح خانه طلسم بدین تفصیل — خانه کلان مشمن که در آن جا طوی دادند — خانه خورد دیگر برابر آن هم مشمن بود — و در هر دو مشمن انواع تکلف و آرایش نموده بودند — و در مشمن کلان که طوی خانه باشد — تخت مرصع نهاده — در بالا و پایان تخت ادسهای زردوزی انداخته و شدهای مروارید او بخته بمقدار يك نیم گز درازی — هر لری دو کره آینه در پایان قریب سی چهل لری‌ها ساخته و آویخته — و در مشمن خورد چهارکت* (sic) مرصع نهاده و پاندان و صراحی و مشرب مرصع و طلا آلات و نقره آلات ساده در طاق‌ها نهاده و بجانب دیوانخانه قبله رویه و دیگری بجانب باغ مشرق رویه و در سیوم بجانب مشمن کلان جنوب رویه و در چهارم بجانب مشمن خورد شمال رویه — در بالای این سه خانه مذکور سه بالاخانه بود که یکی را خانه دولت میگفتند — و در آن خانه نه اسباب سپاه‌گری می بود — مثل شمشیر مرصع و قور مرصع و کمر خنجر مرصع و جمدهر و کپوه مرصع و ترکش — همه مرصع و قور پوش (27a) زردوزی انداخته — و خانه دوم که آن خانه سعادت میگفتند در آن خانه جای نماز و کتابها و قلمدانهای مرصع و جزدانهای خوش و مرقهای لطیف مع

* (چهارکت) Several Hindustānī words occur in the M.S.

نصویرهای و خطّهای خوش نهاده بودند * و خانه سیوم که آنرا خانه مراد می گفتند در آن خانه خهرکت از مرصّع و ظرفی از سندل انداخته و نوشکهای خیال انداخته و در پایان نیز نهالچهای خاصگی انداخته در پیش نهالچهاء دسترخانهای انداخته همه از زربفت خیال بود و میوهای الوان و شربت های گوناگون — و همه اسباب عیش و طرب تنعم مهیا ساخته بودند *

و روزی که طوی خانه طلسم شد حکم فرمودند که تمام میرزایان و بیگمان و امریان همه ساچی سازند * بفرموده ایشان همه آوردند — حکم فرمودند که این ساچی را سه توده بکنند — سه خوان اشرفی شد و شش خوان شاهرخ — یکخوان اشرفی و دو خوان شاهرخ را به هندو بیگ دادند که این حصّه دولت است — میرزایان و امریان و وزرا و سپاهی ها بخش بکن — و یکخوان اشرفی و دو خوان شاهرخ را (27b) بملازمت مولا محمد فرغری دادند که این حصّه سعادت است — این را به اکابران و اشراف و علما و صلحا و زهاد و مشایخ و درویش و عبّاد و فقرا و مساکین بخش بکنند — و یکخوان اشرفی و دو خوان شاهرخ را فرمودند که این حصّه مراد است — از ما است — پیش بیارید * آوردند — فرمودند که شردن چه حاجت است * اوّل خود دست مبارک رسانیدند و فرمودند که اوّل در یکخوانچه اشرفی و در یکخوانچه شاهرخ پیش بیگمان به برند * هرکسی مشت مشت خود را بگیرد و باقی دو خوان شاهرخ — و همه اشرفی را قریب دو هزار بود — و شاهرخ قریب ده هزار باشد * همه را پاشیدند و نثار کردند اوّل پیش ولی نعمتان و دیگر (? دیگر) بمحاضران مجلس از صد و صد پنجاه کم همچکس نیافته بود — بتخصیص جماعه که در حوض بودند — بسیار یافتند *

و حضرت بادشاه فرمودند که آکه جانم اگر حکم شود در حوض آب بماند * آکه جانم گفتند بسیار خوب * خود آمد بر سر زینه نشستند و مردم غافل که بیکبارگی شراس زده آب آمد — جوانان را طرفه اصراری دست داده (28a) حضرت بادشاه فرمودند دخل ندارد — هر کدام شمایان که يك گلوله شیت* و يك پارچه معجون بخورید و از اینجا پدر روید — و در آن میان هر که معجون خورد زود برآمد و آب نا شنالنگ رسید بود * الحاصل همه معجون رسا خوردند و برآمدند * و آش طوی کشیدند و سروپاها بر دم نهادند و انعامها و سررپاها بر دم معجون خورده و غیره دادند * در لب حوض تالاری بود و در تالار دریچه ها ابهرک گرفته بودند که جوانان در آن تالار نشستند و بازی گران باری می کردند * بازار زنانه نیز کرده بودند و کیشی ها را آئین بسته بودند * و در يك کشتی مثل شش کسی و شش کنج بسته بودند و در کشتی بالاخانه ساخته بودند و پایان باغی ساخته بودند از قسم قلعه و تاج خروس و نافرمان و لاله کاشته بودند و در يك جا هشت کشتی کرده بودند که هشت پرچه میشد * غرض که خدای تعالی ازین قسم اختراعات در دل مبارک ایشان عطا کرده بود — هر که میدید متعیر و منحصر می ماند *

دیگر شرح (28b) طوی میرزا هندال آنکه** سلطانم بیگم خواهر مهدی خواجه بودند *

زنه بابام غیر جعفر خواجه فرزند دیگر نداشتند و فرزند نمی شد * آکه جانم سلطانم را بفرزندی نگاه داشته بودند و دو ساله بود که خانزاده بیگم نگاه کرده بودند و عجایب دوست می داشتند و به برادرزاده خود داند و طوی را در کمال لطافت و خوبی کردند *

* (شیت) This word has only the *ya* points and might yield also *shib*, apple. Anise seems the safer remedy against chill.

** (آنکه) Translated as *an ast ki*.

کوشکه و ادسفه و پسخ نوشک و پسخ بهتوق و بك نكیه كلان و دو
نكیه گلوله و قوشقه و نقاب مع خرگاه جباغ (?) مع سه نوشک همه
زردوزی و سروپاهای میرزا چارقب و ناج زردوزی و فوطه و روپاك
و رومال زردوزی و قوربوش زردوزی *

و بساطانم بیگم نه نیمتنه نکه دار جواهر — یکی از اعل و یکی از یاقوت
و یکی از زمرد و یکی از فیروزه و یکی از زبرجد و یکی از عین الهمزة *
دیگر (۱) ز نخرگوهرنه (?) — و بك چارقب و چارقرنجی نکه دار —
و بك جفت حلقه اعل و بك جفت حلقه در — سه پنجه و بك چترشاهی
یكدرخت و دوخطب و دیگر اسباب و اسباب و رخت و رخت و کارخانها
از همه (29a) جنس که آنچه خاتزاده بیگم جمع کرده بودند — همه را
دادند و بنوعی طوی کردند که مثل آن طوی فرزندان پادشاه بابام را دیگر
میسر نشد * همه مهیا کرده سپردند — و نه اسپ توچاق مع زین و لحام
مرصع کاری و زردوزی و طلا آلات و نقره آلات و غلامان ترك و چركس
و اروس و حبشی و از هر کدام تفوز تفوز پیشکش *

و آنچه بزنه بابام میرزا پیشکش کرده بودند — بك تفوز اسپ توچاق
مع زین و لحام مرصع و زردوزی و طلا آلات و نقره آلات — و دو تفوز
دیگر اسپان بارگیر مع زین و لحام مخمل و زربفت و سقالات پرتنگالی و
غلامان ترك و حبشی و هندی — همگی سه تفوز و سه زنجیر فیل *

و بعد از آنکه از طوی فارغ شدند — خبر آمد که وزیر سلطان
بهادر — خراسان خان نام — به بیانه تاخت آورده است * حضرت پادشاه
میرزا عسکری را با چند امرای دیگر که فخر علی بیگ و میر تردی بیگ
و غیره را فرستادند * اینها در بیانه رفته جنگ کردند * خراسان خازرا

* of neck (نكه) — jewels nine. *Nahr* is the part of the neck on which the necklace rests. زنجیر might also be read as *zingir* but I have found no help to this reading in dictionaries.

شکست (29 b) دادند * وبعد از چند گاه حضرت پادشاه خود متوجه گجرات بسعادت و سلامت شدند * بتاریخ پانزدهم شهر رجب المرجب ۹۴۰ نهصد و چهل و یک عزم جزم گجرات نمودند — و پیشخانه در باغ زرافشان برپا کردند — و خود در باغ مذکور تا جمع شدن لشکرها بکماه بودند *

روزهای دیوان که یکشنبه و سه‌شنبه باشد — آن‌روی آب می‌رفتند و تا در باغ بودند اکثر روزها آجم و همشیرها و حرمان در ملازمت حضرت می‌بودیم * و از همه بالا چادر معصومه سلطان بیگم — بعد از آن چادر گلرنگ بیگم و چادر آجم بیگم بود * بعد از آن چادر مادرم * گلبرگ بیگم و بیگه بیگم و غیره بیگمان *

و کارخانها برپا کردند و طیار نمودند * مرتبه اول که خیمه و خرگاه و بارگاه در باغ برپا کردند بجهت دین بورت و ترتیب فروز آمد بیگمان و همشیرها تشریف آوردند * چون معصومه سلطان بیگم نزدیکتر فروز آمد بودند بخانه ایشان تشریف آوردند * همه بیگمان و همشیرها در ملازمت حضرت بودیم * بخانه هر بیگمی و همشیره (30 a) که تشریف می‌بردند همه بیگمان و همه همشیرها همراه می‌رفتند — و فرداش در خانه این حقیر تشریف فرمودند * تا سه پهر شب مجلس بود و اکثر بیگمان و همشیرها و بیگه‌ها و آغاها و آنچه‌ها و سازندها و گویندها بودند * بعد از سه پهر حضرت آسایش فرمودند * همشیرها و بیگمان همه در ملازمت حضرت نکیه کردند *

و بیگه بیگم بیدار کردند که وقت نماز است * حضرت فرمودند که آب وضو را در همان خانه طیار سازند * بیگم دانستند که پادشاه بیدار شدند *

* Cf. n. to trs. (مادرم)

** occurs elsewhere where فروز might be looked for. (فروز)

بنیاد گله کردند که چند روز است که درین باغ تشریف آورده اید — یک روز بخانه ما نه آمدید * در راه خانه ما خوشار نکاشته اند — امیدواریم که در خانه ما نیز تشریف بیارید و معرکه و مجلس سازید * تا کی اینهمه بی التفاتها در بابنه این بیچاره روا خواهید داشت * ما هم دلی داریم — در جایهای دیگر سه مرتبه تشریف بردید و شب و روز در آنجاها بعیش و عشرت گذرانیدید * آخر (30b) پادشاه هیچ نگفتند و بنواز رفتند — و یک پھر روز برآمد بود که هشیرها و بیگان و دلدار بیگم و افغانی آغه چه و گلنار آغه چه و میوه جان و آغه جان و انیکه هارا (sic) طلیدند — و حالا که هه رفتیم پادشاه هیچ نگفتند و هه دانشتند که پادشاه در قهر اند * بعد از آن گفتند — بعد از زمانی — که ببی سحر چه بلا از من گله کردی — و — آن همچو جای نبود که گله بایست کرد * شما میدانید که در خانه ولی نعمتان شمایان بوده ام * بن ضرورت است خاطر جوئی ایشانان کردن و با * جود آن از روی ایشان شرمند ام که دیری بینم — و دایم در خاطرم بود که از شمایان * سجلی طلبم * خوب شد که شما خود بزبان آوردید — من افیونی — اگر در آمد و رفت من دیرتر واقع شود از من نرنجید — و گرنه خطی نوشته بدهید که رضائی شما خواه بیائید خواه نیائید که ما راضی و شاکر ایم از شما * گلبرگ بیگم فی الحال بهمین مضمون نوشته دادند و به گلبرگ بیگم دریافتند و بیگه بیگم پاره مبالغه کردند که عذر بدتر از گناهش (31a) نگرید — غرض ما از اظهار گله آن بود که مارا از التفات خود سرافراز سازند — ایشان کار را تا اینجا رسانیدند — ما چه چاره داریم — پادشاه اند * خطی نوشته دادند * حضرت پادشاه هم دریافتند *

* (با) Read as *bā wujūd-i-ān*.

** (سجلی) Read in translating for سجلی; an attested writing.

و چهاردهم شهر شعبان از باغ زرافشان کوچ کرده متوجه گجرات شدند و بر سر سلطان بهادر رفتند و در محصور مقابل شدند و جنگ کرده سلطان بهادر را بشکست او گریخته بجانب چپانیر رفت * آخر حضرت خود مقید شد تعاقب کردند چپانیر را گذاشته بطرف احمدآباد رفت * حضره ولایت احمدآباد را هم گرفتند و بمردم تمام گجرات را تقسیم کردند و احمدآباد را میرزا عسکری عنایت فرمودند — و بهروچ را بقاسم حسین سلطان دادند — و پتن را به یادگار ناصر میرزا دادند — و حضره خود از چپانیر بمردم اندک بطریق سیر به کنمایت رفتند * بعد از چند روز يك عورتی خبر آورد که — چه نشسته اید — مردم کنمایت جمع شده به سر شما خواهد ریخت — یا حضرت سوار شوند * امرايان حضرت بر سر انجماعت تاختند و آنها (31b) گیر کردند و پاره را قتل کردند — و بعد از آن به برود آمدند * از آنجا بطرف چپانیر رفتند *

نشسته بودیم که فترات شد و مردم میرزا عسکری احمدآباد را ماند پیش بادشاه آمدند — و بعرض رسانیدند که میرزا عسکری و یادگار ناصر میرزا متفق شده اند و به آگره میخواهند بروند * چون حضرت شنیدند ضرور شد متوجه آگره شدند — و بهم و معامله گجرات پرداختند — گجرات را برنافته کوچ کرده بجانب آگره آمدند * تا یکسال در آگره بودند *

بعد از آن بجانب چناده رفتند و چناده را و بنارس را گرفتند * شیرخان در پرکنده بود و بخدمت حضرت عرضه داشت کرد که بنک پیر غلام شما است — یکجارا سرحدی سد بسته بدهند — که در آنجا نشسته باشم *

درین فکر بودند که پادشاه گور بنگاله زخمی شده گریخته پیس حضرت آمد و بدان حضره مقید نشدند — و کوچ کرده متوجه گور بنگاله شدند * شیرخان دانست که پادشاه بگور بنگاله رفتند * خود هم جریب ایلغار کرده بگور رفت و همراه پسر خود یکجا شد * پسر او و خواص

خان غلام او درگور بودند* خواص خان (32a) و پسر خود را فرستاد که بروید و گرهی را مضبوط کنید* ایشانان آمدند و گرهی را گرفتند — و آنحضرت جهانگیر بیگ را پیش نوشته بودند که يك منزل پیشتر می رفت* بر سر گرهی رسید* جنگ شد* جهانگیر بیگ زخمی شد و کس بسیار کشته شد*

آخر حضرة در کهل گانو سه چهار روز بودند و مصلحت چنان شد که کوچ کرده پیشتر بروند و نزدیک گرهی فرود آیند* چون کوچ کرده پیشتر رفته نزدیک گرهی فرود آمدند شب شیر خان و خواص خان گریختند* فردا آنحضرت به گرهی درآمدند و از گرهی گذشته به گور بنگاله رفتند و گور را گرفتند*

تا نه ماه در ولایت گور بودند — و گور را جنت آباد نام کردند باز بدولت در گور بودند که خبر رسید امرا گریخته بمیرزا هندال ملحق شدند*

خسرو بیگ و زاهد بیگ و سید امیر میرزا ملازمت کرده بعرض رسانیدند که پادشاه بدولت دور رفته اند — و میرزایان که محمد سلطان میرزا و پسرانش اولغ میرزا و شاه میرزا باز سر بر آورده اند — و هر زمان در یکجا نشان میدهند (32b) و مشیخت پناهی بندگی شیخ بهلول درین وقت جیب و کجیم و اسباب سپاهگری در تخته پنهان کرده و در اربابها بار کرده بشیر خان و میرزایان میفرستد* میرزا هندال باور نمی کردند* آخر بمجهت تفحص این امر میرزا نور الدین محمد را فرستادند* جیب و کجیم هارا یافتند* بندگی شیخ بهلول را بقتل رسانیدند* این خبر که به پادشاه رسید متوجه آگره شدند و آن روی آب گنگ را گرفته می آمدند*

برابر منگیر که رسیدند امرا بعرض رسانیدند که شما بادشاه کلان اید — بهمان راهی که آمد بودید بهمان راه متوجه شوید — تا شیر خان نگوید که راه آمدن خود را مانده براه دیگر رفتند* باز آنحضرت متوجه

منگیر شدند و اکثر مردم اهل و عیال خود را در کشتی بالا رویه آب می‌کشیدند تا بجای پور پتنه رسیدند *

در حین رفتن قاسم سلطان در آنجا ماندند * درین اثنا خبر آمد که شیرخان آمد — و هر بار که جنگ میکردند مردم حضرت غالب می‌آمدند * و درین اثنا بابا بیگ از جونپور آمد و میرک بیگ از چناده آمد و مغل بیگ از (33 a) زوده آمد این سه امرا که همراه شدند غله قیمت شد *

آخر خواست خدا چنین بود — غافل نشسته بودند که شیرخان آمد ریخت * لشکر شکست یافت و اکثر اهل و مردم در اسیری ماندند — و بدست مبارکِ حضرت زخم رسید * سه روز در چناده بودند * بعد از آن به اریل آمدند و چون بر سر دریا آمدن در گذشتن حیران ماندند که بی کشتی چطور در گذرند * درین اثنا راجه با پنج شش سوار آمده ایشان را از پای آب گذراند * مدت چهار پنج روز مردم بی طعام و شراب بودند * عاقبت الامر راجه بازار برپا کرد تا مردم لشکر چند روز بعیش و عشرت گذرانیدند و اسبان نیز آسوده شدند — و هر که پیاده بوده اسپ نازه خرید * غرض راجه خدمات شایسته و بایسته بجا آورد — و روز دیگر راجه را رخصت فرمودند و خود بسعادت و سلامت نماز پیشین بر لب آب جمعه آمدند * يك جا گذر یافته مردم لشکر از آب گذشتند — و بعد از چند روز دیگر به کرّه * آمدند * در آنجا دانه و گاه وافر بود (33 b) از برات آنکه ولایت خود بود * مردم لشکر آسوده شد بکالی رسیدند — و از کالی کوچ کرده متوجه آگره شدند * قبل از آمدن آگره خبر شنیدند که شیرخان طرف چوسه می‌آید * مردم را طرفه اضطرابی دست داد * از بعضی ها در آن فطرات اصلاً و قطعاً نام و نشان یافته نشد * از آن

* (کرّه) Text. آگره. Clearly an error. Humāyūn was marching up the Dūāb from the junction of the Jamna and Ganges, towards Āgra.

جمله عایشه سلطان بیگم دختر سلطان حسین میرزا و بیچکا که خلیفهٔ بادشاه بابام بود و بیگه جان کوکه و عقیقه بیگم و چاند بیبی که هفت ماهه سه‌نم داشت و شاد بیبی که این هر سه حرمانِ پادشاه بودند * ازین چند کس اصلاً و قطعاً خبر هم نیافتند که در آب رفتند یا چه شدند * هر چند تَخَصُّص و تردد کردند اصلاً معلوم نشد که چه شدند *

و تشویش ایشان تا چهل روز کشید * بعد از آن صَحَّت یافتند *
درین صمن خسرو بیگ و دیوانه بیگ و زاهد بیگ و سید امیر از پیش حضرة پادشاه که آمدند از طرف میرزایان محمد سلطان میرزا و پسرانش باز خبر رسید که کنوج آمده اند *

و میرزا هندال بعد از (34a) قتلِ شیخ بهلول بدلی رفتند * میر فقر علی و دولخواهانِ دیگر را همراه گرفته تا دفع و رفع محمد سلطان میرزا و پسرانش بکنند * میرزایان از آنطرف گریخته بطرفِ کنوج آمدند * میر فقر علی میرزا یادگار ناصر را در دهلی در آورد * چون در میان میرزا هندال و میرزا یادگار ناصر اتحاد و اخلاص نبود — میر فقر علی که این طور حرکتی کرد میرزا هندال از قهر دهلی را قبل کرده نشستند *

میرزا کامران که این خبرها شنیدند — در ایشان هم داعیهٔ پادشاهی پیدا شد * با دوازده هزار سوار مسلح متوجه دهلی را شدند * بدلی که رسیدند میر فقر علی و میرزا یادگار ناصر دروازهٔ دهلی بستند — و بعد از دوسه روز میر فقر علی قول و قرار گرفته آمد میرزا کامران را دید — و عرض کرد که خبرهای حضرت بادشاه و شیرخان را باین روش شنید میشود — و میرزا یادگار ناصر از ملاحظهٔ خود شمارا ملازمت نمی‌کند — مناسبِ دولت آنست که درین طور وقت شما میرزا هندال را گرفته منوجه آگره شوید و خیالِ نشستن (34b) دهلی نکنید * میرزا کامران سخن میر فقر علی را پسندید و سروپا داده بدلی رخصت کردند — و خود میرزا هندال را گرفته به آگره

آمدند و مدد دوس مکانی را زیارت کرده والد و همشیرهارا دیدند در باغ گل افشان منزل کردند *

درین اثنا نور بیگ آمد و خبر آورد که حضرة پادشاه می آیند * چون از جهة کشتن شیخ بهلول میرزا هندال عجوب بودند خود را جانب الور کشیدند *

و میرزا کامران حضرت پادشاه را ملازمت کردند * بعد از چند روز از باغ گل افشان آمده حضرت پادشاه را ملازمت میکردند * همان روز که حضرت آمدند شب بود که رفته ملازمت کردیم * این حقیر را دیدند فرمودند که اوّل ترا نشناختم از برای آنکه وقتی که لشکر ظفر اثر به گور بنگاله کشید بودم ... طاقی پوش بودی * الحال که لچک قصابه دیدم نشناختم — و گلبدن من ترا بسیار یاد میکردم و گاهی پشیمان شد می گفتم که کاشکی همراه می آوردم — اما وقتی که فطرات شد (35a) شکر میکردم و میگفتم الحمد لله که گلبدن را نیاوردم — با وجودی که عقیقه خورد بود صد هزار غم و افسوس میخوردم که چرا بلشکر آوردم *

و بعد از چند روز حضرت پادشاه بدیدن والد آمد بودند * آن حضرت هیکل مضحک همراه داشتند * فرمودند که ساعتی مردم کناره شوند * مردم برخاستند * خلوت شد * آخر حضرة به آجم و این حقیر و افغانی آغه چه و گلنار آغه چه و نارگل آغه چه و انگه من گفتند که هندال قول و قنات من است بنوعی که مارا روشنائی چشم مطلوبت قوت بازو هم مطلوب و مرغوبست * روا باشد — بجهة قضیه شیخ بهلول من میرزا محمد هندال چه خواهم گفت — آنچه تقدیر الهی بود شد * الحال من هیچ غبار خاطری به هندال ندارم — و اگر باور نکنید — مصحف را برداشته بودند که حضرت والد و دلدار بیگم و این حقیر مصحف را از دست ایشان گرفتم و همه گفتند — روا باشد — چرا چنین

میگوید * و باز فرمودند که گلبدن چه شود (35 b) که برادرِ خود محمد هندال میرزا را تو رفته بیاری؟ حضرت والد ام گفتند که این دخترک خورد سال است — هرگز صفر نکرده است * اگر حکم شود من بروم * آنحضرت فرمودند که من بشما این تصدیعات چون دهم این خود ظاهر است که غمخواری فرزندان بر مادر و پدر لازم است * اگر تشریف ببرید غمخوار است که بر مایان میکنید *

آخر امیر ابو البقارا بهمراهی حضرت والد ام بطالب میرزا هندال فرستادند — و محمد هندال میرزا بهجُرد سنیدن این خبر تشریف آوردند و حضرت والد خوشحالی‌ها کردند و پیشواز آمدند و همراه حضرت والد میرزا هندال از الور آمدند و حضرت پادشاه را ملازمت کردند و قصه شیخ بهول مذکور گفتند که جیب و یخیم و اسباب شاه‌یگری را بشیر خان میفرستاد * چون بتحقیق رسید شیخ مذکور را بنا بر آن کشتم *

غرض بعد از چند روز خبر رسید که شیر خان نزدیک لکهنو رسید * درین اثنا حضرت پادشاه يك غلام سقا داشتند * از جهة آنکه پادشاه در آب چوسه از اسپ جدا شده بودند (36 a) و غلام سقا خود را رسانید و به مدد او از گرداب بسعادت و سلامت برآمدند — آخر حضرت سقای مذکور را بر تخت نشاندند — و نام آن غلام مشخص نشدیم * بعضی نظام میگفتند و بعضی سُنبل میگفتند * غرض آن غلام سقا را بر تخت نشاندند و حکم فرمودند که همه امرایان کورنش بغلام سقا بکنند و غلام بهرکس هرچه خواهد بخشد و منصب بدهد * تا دو روز به آن غلام پادشاهی دادند * میرزا هندال در آن مجلس حاضر نه بودند * رخصت شده باز بالور رفته بودند از برای براق کردن — و میرزا کامران نیز در آن مجلس نیامدند * بیاری داشتند و بحضرت گفته فرستادند که غلام را بخشیش و رعایت‌های دیگر بایست کرد — چه لازم بود که بر تخت نشیند؟

درین وقت که شیر خان نزدیک رسیده این چه کار است که حضرت می‌کند *

در آن روزها میرزا کامران بیماری عجیب زور کرده * چنان ضعیف و لاغر شدند و از بس که لاغر شده بودند اصلاً چهره برجا نبود و امید زیستن نبود * بعنایت (36 b) آلهی بهتر شدند و میرزا کامران را گمان آن شد که بصلحت حضرت پادشاه والدها به ایشان زهر دادند * حضرت پادشاه این سخن را شنیدند * یکمرتبه بدیدن میرزا کامران آمدند و سوگند خوردند که هرگز در خیال ما نگذاشته ر بکس نفروده ایم * با وجود سوگند خاطر میرزا کامران صاف نشد و بیماری میرزا باز روز بروز بدتر شد چنانچه قوت سخن کردن نداشتند *

تا آنکه خبر رسید که شیر خان از لکهنو گذشت حضرت کوچ کردند و متوجه کنوج شدند و میرزا کامران را بجای خود در آگره ماندند * بعد از چند روز میرزا کامران شنیدند که حضرت پادشاه پل بسته از آب گنگ گذشتند * میرزا کامران شنیدند — از آگره کوچ کردند *

بطرف لاهور نشسته بودیم که میرزا کامران فرمان پادشاهی را فرستادند که شمارا حکم است که همراه من به لاهور بروید * از جهت من میرزا کامران بحضرت پادشاه گفته باشند که بیماری من بسیار قوی است و بسیار غریب و بی‌بخس و بی‌غنوارم (37 a) اگر گلبدن یگمرا حکم شود که بمن راه لاهور برود عین عنایت و کرم خواهد بود * حضرت بروی ایشان گفته باشند که برو * چون پادشاه بدولت و سعادت جانب لکهنو دوسه منزل رفتند میرزا فرمان پادشاهی را نمودند و محصل شدند که البته شما همراه من بیائید * والدۀ من درین اثنا گفته باشند که هرگز از مایان جدّاً سفر نکرده است * ایشان فرمودند اگر تنها سفر نکرده است شما نیز همراه بروید * تا پانچ صد از سپاهی و مہتران ہرم و ہر دو آنکہ و کوکۂ

خود را فرستادند که اگر همراه نمیرود تا يك منزل خود بیایند * آخر در آن منزل که آمد شد دیگر بنیاد سرگند خوردن کردند که من ترا نخواهم گذاشت *

آخر بصره گریه و زاری و فغان از والدها و از والدۀ خود و از همشیرها و از مردم پدر و برادران که از خوردی يك جا کلان شده بودیم — از سه جُدا کرده بزجر و زور بردند * دیدم که فرمان پادشاهی هم درین باب هست * لا علاج شدم و بحضرت عرضه داشت (37b) نوشتم که از حضرت چشم داشت آن نداشتم که این حقیر را از ملازمت خود جُدا سازند و به میرزا کامران به بخشند * آخر در جواب عریضۀ حقیر حضرت پادشاه سلام نامه نوشته فرستادند به این مضمون که من دل نداشتم که ترا از خود جُدا کنم — اما چون میرزا بسیار مبالغه کرد و عجز و الحاح نمود ضرور شد که ترا به میرزا سپردم چرا که الحال ما هم بر سرِ مهم ایم — انشاء الله تعالی هرگاه که این مهم صورت پذیرد اوّل ترا خواهم طلبید *

چون میرزا متوجه لاهور شدند اکثر مردم از امرا و سوداگران و غیره هرکسی را استعداد بود * گرایه * کرده و اهل و عیال خودهارا همراه میرزا کامران کوچانید بـلاهور بردند *

بعد از آمدن بلاهور خبر رسید که برابِ آبِ گنگِ جنگ شد و شکست بر لشکرِ حضرت افتاد * باری این قدر شد که حضرت با برادران و خویشان از آن ورطۀ بـصحت و سلامت برآمدند *

دیگر خویشاوند که در آگره بودند برآء الـور شد متوجه لاهور شدند * در آن اثنا حضرت بمیرزا هندال (38a) فرمودند که در آن فترتِ اوّل عقبه بیبی غایب شدند * آخر بسیار پشیمان شدم که چرا بحضورِ خود نکشتم * الحال هم عورات را درین طورِ وقت همراه بجای رسانیدن مشکل

است* آخر میرزا هندال عرض کردند که قتل کردنِ مادر و خواهر
بحضرت روشن است* تا جان دارم در خدمت آنها تردّد میکنم و امیدوارم
از حضرت غفّ سبحانه که در قدیم حضرت والد و همشیره این حقیر جانِ
خود را نثار کنم*

آخر حضرت بادشاه با میرزا عسکری و یادگار ناصر میرزا و امرای که
از جنگ گاه سلامت بر آمدن بودند متوجه فتح پور شدند*
و میرزا هندال حضرة والدۀ خود را که دلدار بیگم باشند و همشیره که
گلچهره بیگم باشند و افغانی آغه چه و گلنار آغه چه و نارگل آغه چه و اهل
و عیالِ امرا و غیره را در پیش انداخته می بردند که گواران بسیار بر ایشان
ناخستند* از سپاهیان ایشان چند کس اسب انداخته اند و گواران را (38 b)
شکست دادند — و يك تیر به اسبِ مبارك ایشان رسید* جنگ و جدل
بسیار کردند* ضغفار از اسیرئ گواران خلاص کرده حضرت والد و
همشیره خود را و بسی امرا و غیره مردم را در پیش انداخته به الور آمده
رسیدند*

چادر و خیمه و غیره بعضی اسباب که در کار بود گرفته متوجه لاهور
شدند* میرزایان و امرایان را آنچه در کار بود همراه گرفته در اندک روز
آمدن بلاهور رسیدند*

حضرت در باغ خواجه غازی نزدیکِ یببی حاج ناج فرود آمدند*
هر روز خبر شیر خان میرسید* مدت سه ماه در لاهور بودند و روز
بروز خبر می آمد که شیر خان دو کروه سه کروه می آید — تا آنکه خبر
رسید که نزدیک سرهند رسید*

و حضرة مظفر بیگ نام امرا (sic) داشتند* ترکان بود* اورا همراه
قاضی عبد الله پیش شیر خان فرستادند که چه انصافست — تمام ملک
هندوستان را بتو گذاشتم* يك لاهور مانده میان ما و شما حد همین

سرهند باشد * آن بی انصاف (39a) خدا نا نرس قبول نکرده و گفت که کابل را بشما گذاشتم — در آنجا باید رفت *

مظفر بیگ در ساعت کوچ کرد و بیشتر کس فرستاد که کوچ می باید کرد * همین که خبر رسید حضرت کوچ کردند گویا روز قیامت بود که جای هارا آرسته همراه اسباب همان نوع گذاشتند * مگر نقد آنچه بود همون را توانستند گرفت * شکر خدا درین بود که از آب لاهور گذر یافتند * همه مردم پای آب گذاشتند — و چند روز در کنار دربار منزل کردند که ابلیخی شیر خان آمد * قرار دادند که صباح به بیند که میرزا کامران التماس نمودند که فردا معرکه خواهد بود و ابلیخی شیر خان خواهد آمد * اگر در نوک زلجه حضرت نشینم تا فرقی میان من و برادران باشد باعث سرافرازی من خواهد شد *

همین بانو بیگم میگویند بمیرزا ابن رباعی را پادشاه نوشته فرستادند و من شنیدم بودم که در جواب شیر خان بدست ابلیخی نوشته فرستادند * رباعی این است —

در اینته گرچه خود نمائی باشد — پیوسته زخویشتن جدائی باشد — (39b)
خود را بمثالی غیر دیدن عجب است — این بوالعجبی کار خدای باشد *
ابلیخی شیر خان که آمد ملازمت کرد *

خاطر مبارک ایشان ملول شد * دلگیر شد در خواب شدند و در خواب دیدند که عزیزی آمد از سرنا یا لباس سبز پوشید و عصای در دست * گفت مردانه باش و غم مخور و عصای خود را بدست مبارک حضرت داده اند و گفته اند خدای تعالی بتو فرزندی خواهد داد — نامش جلال الدین محمد اکبر بمانی * حضرت پرسیدند که اسم شریف شما چیست؟ فرموده اند که زنده فیل احمد جام — و فرموده اند آن فرزند از نسل من خواهد شد *

و در آن ایام یبسی گونور حامله بود* همه میگفتند که پسر تولد خواهد شد* در همان باغ دوست منشی از یبسی گونور در ماه جمید الاول دختر تولد شد ببخشی بانو بیگم نام کردند*

و در آن روزها میرزا حیدر را بگرفتن کشمیر تعین نموده اند* درین اثنا خبر آمد که شیر خان رسید* عجب اضطرابی دست داد* قرار دادند که صباح کوچ کنند* (40 a)

درین مدّت که برادران در لاهور بودند هر روز مصلحت و مشورت و کنگاش میکردند* اصلاً بیک چیز قرار نمی دادند* آخر الامر خبر آمد که شیر خان آمد* دیگری علاج شد یکپهر روز بود که کوچ کردند و حضرت داعیه کشمیر داشتند — و میرزا حیدر کاشغیر را فرستاده بودند* اما هنوز خبر فتح کشمیر نیامده بود* کنگاش دادند که اگر حضرة متوجه کشمیر شوند و کشمیر فی الحال میسر نشود و شیر خان در لاهور باشد — آن زمان بسیار مشکل میشود*

خواجه کلان بیگ در سیال کوت بود — متوجه ملازمت حضرت شد* مؤید بیگ همراه خواجه بود* بحضرت عرضه داشت کرد — خواجه دغدغه ملازمت دارد و می آید اما ملاحظه میرزا کامران دارد — اگر حضرت بسرعت بیایند ملازمت خواجه بحضرت با حسن وجه میسر می شود* حضرت از شنیدن این خبر فی الحال جیبه پوشیدن مسلح و مکمل شدن متوجه خواجه شدند و خواجه را همراه گرفته آوردند*

و حضرت فرمودند که باتفاق برادران به بدخشان روم و کابل (40 b) تعلق بمیرزا کامران داشته باشد* اما میرزا کامران برفتن کابل راضی نشدند و گفتند که کابل را حضرت فردوس مکانی در حیات خود بوالده من داده اند — رفتن کابل لایق نیست* حضرت فرمودند که در باب کابل اکثر حضرت فردوس مکانی میفرمودند که کابل را من بهیچ کس نخواهم داد —

بلکه فرزندان طمع کابل نکنند — چرا که همه فرزندان را خدای تعالی بمن در کابل داده و اکثر فتح‌ها از نشستن کابل شده بلکه در واقعۀ نامۀ فردوس مکانی هم متشهد این معنی بسیار مذکور است * چه شد که من از روی مهربانی و برادری بمیرزا انسانیت کردم — میرزا الحال چنین میگوید *

هر چند حضرت دلاسا و یکانگی میفرمودند — میرزا پیشتر از پیشتر مبالغه مینمودند * چون حضرت دیدند که همراه میرزا جمعیت بسیار است و بهیچ وجه رفتن کابل میرزا راضی نیست لا علاج شد ضرور شد بطرف بکهر و ملتان متوجه شدند * در ملتان که رسیدند يك روز منزل (41a) نمودند * غلۀ كترك پیدا شد و اندك غله که در قلعه پیدا شد بود بمردم قسمت کرده کوچ کردند و بر سر دریای که هفت دریا یکجا شده است رسیدند * حیران ماندند * کشتی بهم نمیرسد و آردوی عظیم همراه * درین اثنا خبر آمد که خواص خان با چند امرا از عقب می آید * بخشونام بلوچی بود که جاهاى متمکن داشت و کسی (? کشتی) بسیار هم داشت * حضرة کسی را پیش او فرستادند و علم و نقاره و اسب و سروپا نیز فرستادند و طلب کشتی نمودند و غله هم طلب نمودند * آخر الامر بخشو بلوچ قریب يك صد کشتی نمودند پر غله هم بملازم حضرت فرستادند * ازین خدمت شایسته حضرت بسیار خوشحالی کردند و کشتی غلۀ مذکور را بمردم لشکر قسمت کردند و بسعادت و سلامت از آب گذشتند * رحمت باد بر بخشو مذکور که خدمت شایسته بجا آورد *

و آخر الامر بعد از طی مسافت به بکهر رسیدند — و قلعه بکهر در میان دریا واقع شد و قلعه مضبوط دارد — و پادشاه قلعه مذکور که سلطان محمود (41b) باشد متخصن شد بود و حضرت به پهلوی قلعه بساده و سلامت فرود آمد بودند — و نزدیک قلعه باغی بود که میرزا شاه حسین سمندر راست کرده بود *

آخر میر سمندرا* پیش شاه حسین میرزا فرستادند که از ضرورت بولایت تو آمدن ام و ولایت تو بنو سبارك باشد — ما دخل نخواهیم کرد — پاری تو خود آمدن مارا ملازمت بکن و خدمت که لازمه باشد بمجاپار — که ما داعیه گجرات داریم و ولایت ترا بتو میگذاریم* آخر شاه حسین مذکور بمکر و حيله ناپنج ماه حضرت را در سمندر نگاه داشت و بعد از آن کس بخدمت حضرت فرستاد که سامان طوئی دختر خود را کرده بخدمت حضرت میفرستم و خود نیز بملازمت خواهم آمد*

حضرت سخن اورا باور کردند — سه ماه دیگر انتظار کشیدند* غله گاهی پیدا میشود و گاهی پیدا نمی شود* مردم سپاه اسپان و شتران خود را کشته میخوردند* باز حضرت شیخ عبد الغفور را فرستادند — تا کی انتظار میدهی — مانع (42a) آمدن کیست و باعث توقف چیست؟ این مرنه داشت که کار تنگ شده است و مردم بسیار گریخته می روند* جواب فرستاد که دختر من نامزد میرزا کامران است و دیدن من هم امر محال است — شمارا ملازمت کرده نمی توانم*

درین اثنا محمد هندال میرزا از آب گذشتند که بعضی مردم میگفتند که متوجه قندهار میشوند* حضرت پادشاه که شنیدند از عقب میرزا چند کس فرستادند که رفته برسید (؟ پرسید) که شنید شد که قصد قندهار دارند* چون از میرزا پرسیدند میرزا گفتند که غلط بعرض رسانید اند* حضرت پادشاه این خبر را شنید بدیدن حضرت والد آمدند*

حرمهای میرزا و همه مردم میرزا حضرت پادشاه را درین مجلس ملازمت

* آخر میرزا شاه حسین سمندرا Text, (سمندرا) This is clearly the scribe's error. Mir Samandar was a confidential servant of Humāyūn and is named in the histories as the envoy. Cf. note to translation.

گرددند * حمید بانو بیگم را پرسیدند که این چه کس است؟ گفتند که دختر میر بابا دوست * خواجه معظم روبروی حضرت استاد بود * گفتند — این پسر با خویش میشود * حمید بانو بیگم را گفتند که این هم خویش ما است *

در آن ایام حمید بانو بیگم (42 b) اکثر در محل میرزا می بود * روز دیگر باز حضرت بدیدن حضرت والد دلزار بیگم آمدند * فرمودند — میر بابا دوست خوشاوند ما است — مناسب آنست که دختر اورا با نسبت بکنید * میرزا هندال عذرهای گفتند که این دختری من مثل خواهر و فرزند خود میدانم — حضرت پادشاه اند — مبادا معاش نیک نشود تا باعث کلفت شود * حضرت پادشاه خشم کرده برخاسته رفتند *

بعد از آن حضرت والد خطی نوشته فرستادند که مادر دختر ازین هم پیشتر ناز میکند — عجیبت که به اندک سخن رنجید رفتند * حضرت پادشاه در جواب نوشته فرستادند که این حکایت شما بسیار خوش آمد هر نازی که می کنید بسر و چشم قبول دارم * دیگر از جهة معاش که نوشته اند انشا الله — حسب المداخواهد شد — چشم انتظار در راه است * حضرت والد رفته حضرت پادشاه را آوردند * آن روز مجلس دادند * بعد از مجلس بمنزل خود تشریف بردند * روز دیگر حضرت پیش والد آمدند و گفتند که کس (43 a) فرستید حمید بانو بیگم را طلبیک بیار و حضرت والد که کس فرستادند حمید بانو بیگم نه آمدند — گفتند — اگر غرض ملازمت است خود آن روز بملازمت مشرف شد ام — دیگر برای چه پیام؟ مرتبه دیگر حضرت سبحان قلی را فرستادند که میرزا هندال را رفته بگو که بیگم را بفرستید * میرزا گفتند — هر چند من گفتم نمیرود — تو خود رفته بگو * سبحان قلی که رفته گفت — بیگم جواب دادند که بدین بادشاهان یک مرتبه جایز است — در مرتبه دیگر نا محرمست — من نمی

آیم * سبحان قلی که از بیگم این حرف شنید آمد بعرض رسانید * حضرت فرمودند اگر نا محرم اند محرم می ساریم *

غرض که نا چهل روز از جهة حمید بانو بیگم مبالغه و منافقه بود و بیگم راضی نشدند * آخر حضرة والد ام دلداری بیگم نصیحت کردند که آخر خود بکسی خواهی رسید — بهتر از پادشاه که خواهد بود — بیگم گفتند که آری بکسی خواهم رسید که دست من بگیرد — نه آنکه بکسی برسم که دست من میدام بدامن او نرسد * آخر باز (43b) والده ام نصیحت بسیار کردند *

غرض که بعد از چهل روز در ماه جمید الاول ^{۹۴۸} سنه نهصد و چهل و هشت در مقام پانز روز دوشنبه نیم روز بود که استرلاب را حضرة پادشاه بدست مبارك خود گرفته اند و ساعت سعد را اختیار کرده میر ابو البقار طلیع حکم فرمودند که نکاح بستند * مبلغ دولت نکاحانه میر ابو البقا دادند * بعد از عقد سه روز دیگر آنجا بودند — بعد از آن کوچ کرده در کشتی نشستند و متوجه بکهر شدند *

و یکماه در بکهر بودند * میر ابو البقار در پیش سلطان بکهری فرستادند * آنجا نشویش شد برحمت حق پیوستند *

آخر میرزا هلال را رخصت قندهار کردند * میرزا بادگار ناصر را بجای خود در لری گذاشتند و حضرت خود متوجه سیاهوان شدند که از سیاهوان تا نهنه شش هفت روزه راهست * سیاهوان قلعه مضبوط دارد و میرعلیه ملازم حضرت پادشاه در آن قلعه بود و نویچی چندی بود که هیچ کس را محال نزدیک قلعه رفتن نبود * چند کس از مردم حضرت پادشاه مورچال (44a) کرده نزدیک رسیدند و او را نصیحت کردند که حرام نمکی درین طور وقت خوب نیست * میرعلیه قبول نکرد * آخر نقب کردند و یک برج قلعه را انداختند * اما قلعه را نتواند گرفت

و غله قیمت بوده است و اکثر مردم گریختن گرفتند * مدت شش هفت ماه در آنجا بودند و میرزا شاه حسین حرام نمکی کرده مردم لشکر را از هر طرف گرفته بهر دم خود می سپرد که برده در دریای شور اندازید * سیصد چهار صد کس را بجا کرده در کشتی انداخته به دریای شور می انداختند تا ده هزار کس را در دریای شور انداخت *

بعد از آنی که در پیش حضرت هم کس کم ماند چند کشتی بر توپ و تفنگ کرده خود از نهته بر سر حضرت آمده * سیاهوان نزدیک بدریا واقع شده است * آمد کشتی های حضرت پادشاه را همراه اسباب برد و کس فرستاد که حق نمک نگاه میدارم زود کوچ بکنید * حضرت لاعلاج شدند و باز برگشته متوجه بکهر شدند *

چون نزدیک بکهر شدند میرزا حسین سمندر پیش از آن که حضرت در بکهر (44b) برسند کس پیش میرزا یادگار ناصر فرستاده بود که اگر حضرت برگشته بجانب بکهر می آیند آمدن نگذارند که بکهر تعلق بشما دارد * من از شما ام و دختر خود را بشما میدهم * میرزا یادگار ناصر سخن او را باور کرده حضرت پادشاه را در بکهر آمدن نگذاشت و میخواست که بخیله یا بچنگ پیش آید *

حضرت کس فرستادند که بابا شما بجای فرزند ما آید و بجای خود شما نشان رفتن که اگر بما واقع بیس آید شما کومک ما باشید — و الحال از بدرائی نوکران شما بما چنین سلوک می کنید * ابن نوکران حرام نمک بشما هم وفا نخواهند کرد * هر چند حضرت نصیحت کرده فرستادند فایده نکرد * آخر حضرت فرمود که خوب ما بجانب راجه مال دیو میرویم و ابن ولایت را بشما دادیم * اما شاه حسین شما را از اینجا نخواهد گذاشت * سخن ما را یاد خواهید کرد *

میرزا یادگار ناصر ابن سخن را گفته کوچ کرده متوجه مال دیو شدند و برآه

جیسلمیر شدند * بعد از چند روز بقلعه دلاور رسیدند که سرحد ولایت
 راجه مالدیو است (45a) دو روز آنجا بودند - دانه و گاه پیدا نشده
 و از آنجا بجانب جیسلمیر روان شدند * چون نزدیک جیسلمیر رسیدند راجه
 جیسلمیر جمعی را فرستاد و سر راه گرفت و جنگ شد - و حضرت باچندی از
 راه کاره میرفتند * درین جنگ چند کسی زخمی شدند - (۱) لوش بیگ برادر
 شام خان جلایر و پیر محمد آخته و روشنگ توشکی و چند دیگر زخمی
 شدند * آخر فتح کردند * کافران گریخته بقلعه درآمدند - و حضرت آن
 روز تا شصت کوه راه رفتند و در سر نالایی منزل واقع شد * بعد از آن
 بسانلمیر رسیدند * آن مردم آن روز تشویش دادند تا آنکه در پلودی نام
 پرگنه که تعلق به مالدیو داشت رسیدند * راجه مالدیو در جوده پور بود -
 یک جبهه و یک شتر بار اشرفی بخدمت حضرت فرستادند و دلاستانی بسیار
 نمود که خوش آمدید - بیکانیر را بشما میدهم * حضرت با دل جمع
 نشسته بودند و آنکه خان را پیش مالدیو فرستادند که چه جواب میدهد
 ملا سرخ کتابدار در آن شکست و ویرانی هند بجانب (45b) ولایت مالدیو
 رفته ملازم شده بود * او عریضه فرستاد که زنهار هزار زنهار حضرت
 پیش نیابند و در هر جا که منزل دارند در ساعت کوچ کنند که مالدیو
 در صدد گرفتن شما است و اعتماد بر قول او نکنید که ایلمچی شیر خان
 آمده و شیر خان نوشته فرستاده که هر نوعی که داند و توانید آن
 حضرت را بگیری - اگر این کار کردید ناگور و الور و هر جایی که
 خواهید بشما میدهم * و آنکه خان هم آمده گفت که وقت استادن نیست *
 نماز دیگر بود که حضرت کوچ کردند و در وقت سواری حضرت دو
 جاسوس را گرفته آوردند * هر دورا بسته نزدیک آورده سخن میپرسیدند که
 دست های خود را فی الحال خلاص کرده شمشیر از کمر محمود کرد باز
 کشیده اوّل محمود را زده - بعد از آن باقی گوالیاری را زخمی کرده -

و آن دیگری خجری از میان یکی کشید و به بجانب مردم کرده * چند کس را زخمی کرده و اسب سواری حضرت کشته * غرض تلاش بسیار کردند تا آنکه آن هر دورا کشند (46a) و درین صمن غوغا شد که مالدیو رسید * حضرت بادشاه اسب سواری نداشتند که لایق سواری حمیده بانو بیگم باشد * برای سواری بیگم از تردی بیگ اسب طلید باشند * غالباً تردی بیگ اسب نداده * حضوت فرمودند — بزای من شتر جواهر * افتابچی را طیار بکنند — من بستر سوار خواهم شد و بیگم به اسب من سوار شوند * ظاهرًا ندیم بیگ شنید اما که حضرت بادشاه اسب سواری خود را بسواری بیگم تعین کرده اند و خود خیال دارند که بستر سوار شوند * او والدۀ خود را بر شتر سوار کرده اسب سواری والدۀ خود بمحضرت پادشاه پیشکش کرده *

حضرت سوار شد متوجه عمرکوت شدند * از جای رهبر گرفتند که راه را سرکند * هوا بغایت گرم بود و اسب و چاروا تا زانو در ریگ فرو میرفت و در عقب لشکر مالدیو نزدیک رسید * باز کوچ کردند و نشنه و گرسنه روان شدند * اکثر از زن و مرد پیاده بودند * چون لشکر (46b) مالدیو نزدیک رسید حضرت ایشان تیمور سلطان و منعم خان و جمعی دیگر را فرمودند که شمایان آهسته بیائید و غنیم را نگاه دارید تا ما چند گروه بر آمدن رویم * ایشان ماندند و شب شد — راه گم کردند * حضرت تمام شب راه رفتند * چون صبح شد سه روز بود که اسپان آب نیافته بودند که جائی آب یافتند * حضرت فرود آمدند که کس دویک آمد که هندوان بسیار اسب سوار و شتر سوار رسیدند *

حضرت شیخ علی بیگ و روشن کوکه و ندیم کوکه و میر پابنده محمد

* (جواهر) The M.S. writes the name of this jewel of chroniclers in the plural.

برادرِ میروبی و جمعی دیگر را رخصت کردند و فاتحه خواندند که رفته با کافران جنگ کنید — و یقین حضرت شد که ایشان تیمور سلطان و منعم خان و میرزا یادگار را با جمعی که گذاشته بودیم کشته شدند یا بدست کافران افتادند که این جماعت آنها را کشته بر سر ما آمدند * حضرت باز خود سوار شده همراه چند کس اردو را گذاشته پیش رفتند * و آن جماعت که حضرت فاتحه خواند بجنک فرستاده بودند شیخ علی بیگ سردار (47a) آن راجوتان را به تیرزده از اسب انداخت و چند کس دیگر را مردم دیگر به تیر زدند * کافران رو بگریز نهادند و فتح شد * چند کس را زند هم گرفته آوردند * اردو آهسته آهسته میرفت * اما حضرت پادشاه دور رفته بودند * این مردم فتح کرده به اردو آمد رسیدند *

بهبود نام چوبداری بود * اورا از عقب حضرت روانید فرستادند که حضرت آهسته روند که بعنایت الهی فتح شد و کافران گریختند * بهبود خود را بحضرت رسانید و خبر خوش برد * حضرت فرود آمدند — و اندک آبی هم می پیدا شد * اما در فکر امرا بودند که آنها را چه واقع شد؟ که از دور چند سوار پیدا شدند * باز دغدغه شد که مبادا مالدیو باشد * کس فرستادند که خبر بیارد — دویک آمد که ایشان تیمور سلطان و میرزا یادگار و منعم خان همه بصحت و سلامت می آیند * راه گم کرده بودند * بعد از رسیدن آنها حضرت خوشحال شدند و شکر حق بجا آوردند *

و صبح کوچ کردند — سه روز دیگر آب نیافتند (47b) بعد از سه روز بر سر چاها رسیدند و چاهای مذکور بسیار عمیق بودند * بر سر آن چاها مقام کردند * آب آن چاه بغایت سُرخ بود — بر سر يك چاه حضرت فرود آمدند — بر سر يك چاه دیگر نردی یگک خان — و بر سر يك چاه میرزا یادگار و منعم خان و ندیم کوکه — و بر سر يك چاه ایسان تیمور سلطان و خواجه غازی و روشن کوکه *

و هر دلولی که از چاه بیرون می آمد چون نزدیک می رسید مردم خود را در میان دلو می انداختند و ریسمان گسسته می شد و پنج شش کس همراه دلو در چاه می افتادند * مردم بسیار از تشنگی مردند و هلاک می شدند * حضرت دیدند که مردم از تشنگی خود را در چاه می اندازند — از کروی خاصه خود بهمه مردم آب میخوراندند — آخر مردم را سیراب کرده نماز پیشین بود که کوچ کردند و یک شبانه روز راه رفتند * در سرای رسیدند * تالابی کلانی بود * اسپان و شتران که درون تالاب در آمدند چندان آب خوردند که اکثر مردند * اسپ کم مانده بود — اسیر و شتر بودند * از آن باز (48a) هر روز آب پیدا می شد تا به عمر کوت رسیدند که جای خوشت و تالاب بسیار دارد * رعنا * پیشواز حضرت آمد و درون قلعه برد و منزل خوب داد و مردم امرارا بیرون قلعه جا داد *

اکثر چیز در کمال ارزانی بود — یک رویه را چهار بز میدادند * از بز غاله و غیره رعنا پیشکش بسیار آورد و چنین خدمات شایسته بجا آورد که بکدام زبان تقریر توان کرد؟ و چند روزی در آنجا بخیر و خوبی گذرانیدند *

و بعد از آنی که خزینه تمام شد تندی بیگ نشان زر بسیار داشت حضرت بطریق قرض از او مبلغی طلبیدند * او بحساب ده دو هشتاد هزار اشرفی قرض داد * حضرت گرفته حصه رسد تمام لشکر بخش کردند * و مکر خنرها و سروپاها به رعنا و فرزندانش او عنایت فرمودند * و بعضی مردم اسپان تازه خریدند *

و پدر رعنا را میرزا شاه حسین گشته بود * بوجود آن هم دو سه هزار سوار جرّار بهم رسانید در ملازمت حضرت همراه کرد * باز حضرت متوجه

بکهر شدند و بسی و اهل و عیال را (48b) در عمرکوت گذاشتند — و خواجه
مُعَظَّم را نیز گذاشتند که از حرم خبردار باشد * حمید بانو بیگم حامله بودند *
بعد از متوجه شدن حضرت سه روز گذشته بود که بناربخ چهارم شهر رجب
المرجب ^{۹۴۹} سنه نهصد و چهل و نه وقت سحر روز یکشنبه بود که تولد
حضرت بادشاه عالم پناه عالم گیر جلال الدین محمد اکبر بادشاه غازی شد *
قمر در برج اسد بود * تولد در برج ثابت شک بغایت خوبست و منجمان
گفتند فرزندی که درین ساعت شود صاحب اقبال و دراز عمر می شود *
حضرت در پانزده کروی بودند که تردی محمد خان خبر رسانید *
حضرت بسیار بسیار خوشحال شدند — و از مزده و بشارت این خبر
تفسیرات ماتقدم تردی محمد خان معاف کردند *

و آن خواب که در لاهور دیده بودند هون نام جلال الدین محمد اکبر
بادشاه نام نهادند * و از آنجا کوچ کرده متوجه بکهر شدند — و از مردم
رعنا و اطراف و سودمه و سمینچه تا ده هزار کس جمع شدند — در پرگنه
چون رسیدند (49a) یک غلام شاه حسین میرزا با چند سوار در چون
بود — گریخته رفت * در آنجا باغ آینه بسیار خوب بصفا بود * در آن باغ
حضرت فروز آمدند و مواضع آن را مردم جاگیر تعین فرمودند * از
جون تهته شش روزه راه بود * تا شش ماه حضرت در آنجا بودند و
بعمرکوت کس فرستادند اهل حرم و بسی تمام مردم را طلبیدند * در آن
وقت جلال الدین اکبر بادشاه شش ماه بودند که در چون آوردند *

و جماعه که از اطراف و جانب همراه اهل حرم آمد بودند متفرق شدند
و رعنا را از جهه گفت و گوی که به تردی محمد خان واقع شد بود شکر
رنگی در میان تردی بیگت و او بود * نیم شبی بود که کوچ کرده بجانب
ولایت خود رفت و جماعه سودمه و سمینچه نیز بدو موافقت کرده رفتند *
حضرت بهمان جمعیت خود ماندند *

و شیخ علی بیگ که مردِ مردانه بود حضرت اورا همراه مظفر بیگ
 ترکان بجانب جاجکا پرگنه کلان بود فرستاده بودند * میرزا شاه حسین
 جمعی را بر سر او فرستاد (191) در میان هر دو لشکر جنگ عظیم شد *
 آخر الامر مظفر بیگ منهزم شده گریخته و شیخ علی بیگ بمجمعی کشته
 شد ضیاع شد *

و در میان خالد بیگ و لوش بیگ برادرِ شاهم خان جلابر گفت
 و گوی شد * آخر جمعی رعایت لوش بیگ کردند * ازین سبب خالد بیگ
 با جمعی گریخته بیش میرزا شاه حسین رفت * حضرت پادشاه والدۀ اورا
 که سلطانم نام داشت بندی خانه فرمودند * ازین واسطه گلبرگ بیگم
 رنجید بودند * آخر گنائه اورا بخشیدند و همراه گلبرگ بیگم رخصت مکۀ
 معظمه کردند * بعد از چند گاه لوش بیگ هم گریخت و حضرت اورا
 بدعای بد یاد کردند که ما برای خاطر او خالد بیگ را درشتی کردیم *
 با وجود آن از دایرۀ حلال نمکی برآمد بدایرۀ حرام نمکی درآمد * جوانه
 مرگ خواهد شد * آخر همون طور شد که بعد از پانزده روز در کشتی
 خواب کرده بود که غلامش بکار دزدۀ کشت — و حضرت بعد از شنیدن
 بسیار متالم و متفکر شدند (50a) شاه حسین کشتی هارا نزدیک چون
 بدربار آورده بود و در خشکی * هم اکثر اوقات مردم حضرت بهر دم شاه
 حسین جنگ می کردند و از جانین مردم کشته می شدند — و اکثر مردم
 پادشاهی هر روز گریخته بطرف شاه حسین می رفتند * از جنه ملا
 تاج الدین که در علم و بر آن عنایت کلی داشتند در آن جنگ
 کشته شد *

و در میان تردی محمد خان و منعم خان گفت و گوی شد * منعم خان
 هم گریخت * امرای معدودی ماندند * از جمله تردی محمد خان و میرزا

بادگار و میرزا پابند محمد و محمد ولی و ندیم کوکه و روشن کوکه و خدنگ ایشک آغاچی* جمعی دیگر در ملازمت حضرت بودند که خبر آمد که بیرم خان از جانب گجرات می آید و برگشته جاجکاه رسیده است* حضرت خوشحال شدند و کدنگ ایشک آغاچی را بجمعی حکم کردند که باستقبال بیرم خان روند*

درین اثنا شاه حسین شنید که بیرم خان می آید* چند کس را فرستاده که بیرم خان را بگیرند* غافل در جائی فروز (50b) آمد که آمد که آمد ریختند* خدنگ ایشک آغا کشته شد و بیرم خان با چندی خلاص شد در ملازمت حضرت آمد مشرف شد*

درین اثنا عرضه داشتند که قراچه خان آمد بحضرت پادشاه (؟) و میرزا هندال که مدتیست که در نواحی بکهر نشسته اید* درین مدت از شاه حسین میرزا اثر دولخواهی ظاهر نشد بلکه بد پیش آمد* دیگر عنایت الهی کار آسان خواهد شد اگر پادشاه بدولت و سعادت بیایند بهتر و عین مصلحت است و اگر حضرت نیایند شما البته بیایید* چون حضرت توقف کرده بودند و میرزا هندال (؟) به استقبال برآمد و قندهار را پیشکش بمیرزا هندال کرده بود*

میرزا عسکری در غزنین بودند* میرزا کامران عرضه داشت کردند که قراچه خان قندهار را بمیرزا هندال داد — فکر قندهار را باید کرد* میرزا کامران در صدق این شدند که قندهار را از میرزا هندال بگیرند*

درین صمن حضرت ابن خبرهارا شنیده پیش عمه خود خانزاده بیگم آمد مبالغه بسیار (51a) نمودند که مرا سرافراز کرده بقندهار بروید و میرزا هندال را و میرزا کامران را نصیحت کنید که اوزبک و ترکمان

نزدیک شمایان است — درین طرز وقت که بر ما و شمایان است در میان خودها بانفاق باشید بهتر است و کتبه‌ها که من بمیرزا کامران نوشته ام اگر قبول کند و بعمل آرد هرچه خاطر او خواهد مام همان نوع می‌کنم *

بعد از رسیدن حضرت بیگم بقندهار بعد از چهار روز میرزا کامران هم رسیدند و هر روز مبالغه‌ها می‌کردند که خطبه بنام من بخوانید * میرزا هندال می‌گفتند که تغیر دادن خطبه چه معنی دارد؟ حضرت فردوس مکانی در حیات خود پادشاهی را به هایون پادشاه داده اند و ولی عهد خود گردانیدند و مایان هم قبول کرده و خطبه بنام ایشان تا این مدت خوانده ایم — الحال تغیر دادن خطبه صورت ندارد * میرزا کامران بحضرت دلداری بیگم خطی نوشتند که ما از کابل شمارا یاد کرده آمدیم عجب است که یک زمان آمد ما را ندیدید — (51b) چنانچه والدۀ میرزا هندال آید بهمون طور والدۀ ما آید * آخر الامر دلداری بیگم بدیدن ایشان آمدند * میرزا کامران گفتند الحال شمارا نمی‌گذارم تا میرزا هندال را تطلیع * دلداری بیگم گفتند که خانداده بیگم ولی نعمت شما اند و کلان و بزرگ همه شمایان اند * حقیقت خطبه را از ایشان پرسید * آخر به آکه گفتند * حضرت خانداده بیگم جواب دادند — اگر از من می‌پرسید بطریقی که حضرت فردوس مکانی قرار داده اند و پادشاهی خود را به هایون پادشاه داده اند و شمایان همه خطبه را تا حال بنام ایشان خوانده آید — الحال هم کلان خود دانسته فرمان بردار ایشان باشید * غرض تا چهار ماه میرزا کامران قندهار را قبل کرده و مبالغه خطبه می‌نمودند * آخر قرار دادند — خوب — الحال پادشاه دور اند — خطبه را بنام من بخوانید — هرگاه پادشاه بیاید بنام ایشان خواهد خواند * چون قبل بدور و دراز کشید بود و مردم تنگ آمد آمد بودند ضرور شد خطبه را خواندند *

و قندهار را بمیرزا عسکری (۵۲a) دادند و غزنین را وعده کردند بمیرزا هندال * حالا که بغزنین آمدند بلغانات و تنگیهار را بمیرزا هندال دادند * این طور وعده‌های دروغ * بمیرزا هندال بدخشان رفته در خوست و اندراب نشستند * میرزا کامران بدلدار بیگم گفتند که شما رفته بیارید * حضرت دلدار بیگم که رفتند میرزا جواب دادند که من خود را از دغدغه سپای گری گذرانده ام و خوست هم گوشه ایست * نشسته ام * بیگم گفتند اگر غرض درویشی و گوشه نشینی باشد هم کابل گوشه ایست با اهل و عیال و فرزندان یکجا باشید — بهتر است * آخر بیگم میرزا را بزور آوردند و در کابل مدت‌ها بوضع درویشی می بودند *

در اینجا میرزا شاه حسین پیش حضرت پادشاه کس فرستاد که لایق دولت آنست که از اینجا کوچ کرده بجانب قندهار بروید — بهتر است * حضرت راضی شدند و جواب فرستادند که در اردوی ما اسپ و شتر کم مانده است — شما اسپ و شتر بیا بدهید تا ما بقندهار برویم * شاه حسین میرزا قبول (۵۲b) کرد و گفت که هرگاه شما از آب گذرید هزار شتر آن روی آب هست — همون را بشما خواهم فرستاد *

اگر (؟ اکثر) سخنان که در راه بکهر و سند از خواجه کیسک خویش خواجه غازی مذکور بود نقل از نوشته خواجه کیسک مذکور است * آخر حضرت به اهل و عیال لشکر و غیره بر کشتی‌ها سوار شدند * تا سه روز بجزرا طی کردند * از سرحد ولایت او گذشته نواسی نام موضعی بود آنجا فروز آمدند و سلطان قلی نام ساریان باشی را فرستادند تا شتران را بیارد * سلطان قلی مذکور رفته هزار شتر آورد * حضرت همه شتران را به امربان و سپاهی و غیره مردم لشکر دادند و قسمت فرمودند * آن شتران بنوع بودند که گویا هفت پشت بلکه هفتاد پشت آن شتران مذکور شهر و ادم و بار را ندیده بودند * چون در لشکر قحط الفرس بود اکثر مردم شتر

سوار بودند و آنچه تنه باقی ماند بود برای بار تعین فرمودند * و هر که سوار می شد بجزرد سوار شدن سوار را بر زمین میزدند (53a) و راه جنگل میگرفتند و از شتران بارخانه هر کدام که بار میکردند بجزرد شنیدن آواز سُم اسپ جسته جسته بار را بر زمین انداخته خود بچنگل در آمد میرفتند — و بر هر کدام شتر که بار را محکم بسته می شد هر چند می جست بار نمی افتاد بمع بار راه جنگل پیش گرفته میگریخت * بدین نوع بجانب قندهار می رفتند تا قریب دو بیست شتر گریخته باشد و چون نزدیک سیوی رسیدند محمود ساریان باشی ملازم شاه حسین میرزا در سیوی بود — قلعه را مصبوط کرده متحصن شد * حضرت در شش گروهی سیوی فروز آمدند * درین اثنا خبر آمد که میر الله دوست و بابا جوجوک از کابل دو روز است که سیوی آمد اند و پیش شاه حسین میرزا میروند * سرویا و اسپان تیوچاق و میوه بسیار میرزا کامران برای شاه حسین میرزا فرستاده و دختر اورا برای خود طلب نموده اند * خود حضرت بخواجه غازی فرمودند که چون در میانۀ تر والله دوست نسبت پدر و فرزندی (53b) است کتابتی نوشته فرست که میرزا کامران بچه طریق بما پیش می آید و اگر ما بدانجا رویم چون سلوک بکند * و حضرت بادشاه خواجه کیسک را فرمودند که بجانب سیوی رفته به میر الله دوست بگو که اگر آمد ما را به بیند * خوبست * خواجه کیسک مذکور بجانب سیوی روان شد * حضرت فرمودند که تا آمدن تو ما کوچ نخواهیم کرد * او چون نزدیک سیوی رسید بود که محمود ساریان باشی گرفته پرسید که بچه کار آمدی؟ او گفت بجهت اسپ و شتر خریدن * گفت دست در بغل اندازید و تاج اورا بیالید که مبادا به الله دوست و بابا جوجوک فرمان استمالت آورده باشد *

چون تقصص کردند کتابت از بغل او برآمد * فروت نیافت که کتابت را

بگوشه پرتاند * گرفته خواند و او را فسرده در ساعت الله دوست و بابا جوك را بدرون قلعه برد و انواع درشتی کرده * اینها سوگند خوردند که ما را از آمدن این خبر نیست و این (54a) پیش من سبق خوانده است و خواجه غازی جهت با داشت و پیش کمران میرزا بود... باین سبب کتابت نوشته است * محمود قرار داد که کیسک را با جمعی همراه پیش شاه حسین فرستد * میر الله دوست و بابا جوجوك تمام شب پیش محمود بودند و ملائمت کرده او را درخواست نموده از بند خلاص کردند و سیصد انار و صد بهی میر الله دوست برای حضرت فرستاد و عریضه از ترش نه نوشت که مباده بدست کسی افتد... اما زبانی گفته فرستاد که اگر عرضه داشت میرزا عسکری یا امرا آمد باشد رفتن کابل بد نیست و اگر نه مصلحت در رفتن کابل نیست که حضرت بادشاه را بخواهد دید و حضرت کس کم دارند آخر تا چه روی دهد * کیسک آمد بعرض رسانید *

حضرت متعجب و متفکر شدند که چه باید کرد و بکجا باید رفت * کنگاش کردند * نردی محمد خان و بیرم خان کنگاش دادند (54b) که غیر از شمالیان و شالستان که سرحد قندهار است بجای دیگر عزم جزم کردن ممکن نیست... چرا که در آن حدود افغان بسیار اند بجانب خود خواهیم کشید و امرا و ملازمان میرزا عسکری نیز گریخته پیش ما خواهند آمد * آخر چنین قرار با یکدیگر داده فاتحه خواندند و کوچ بکوچ متوجه قندهار شدند * چون نزدیک شالستان رسیدند و در موضع رلی نام موضعی فروز آمدند و چون برف و باران بارید بود و هوا بغایت خنک بود و قرارداد چنین بود که ازین منزل بشالستان خواهم رفت * وقت نماز عصر برد که جوانی اوزبک بر یابوی قله رهوار کیسک (؟) رسید و نعره زد که حضرت سوار شوند که در راه سخنی عرض خواهم کرد که وقت تنگ است و الحال وقت سخن گفتن نیست *

حضرت در همان ساعت سوار شدند که غوغا افتاد و پادشاه روان شدند * دو تیر پرتاب (55a) راه رفته بودند که حضرت پادشاه خواجه معظم و بیرم خان را فرستادند که حمید بانو بیگم را بیارند * اینها آمدند بیگم را سوار کردند و فرجه آن نشد جلال الدین محمد اکبر پادشاه را هم همراه ببرند * همین که بیگم از اردو برآمد بودند که همراه پادشاه شوند که درین اثنا میرزا عسکری با دو هزار سوار رسید و شور شد * پیچید رسبان بدر اردو آمد و گفت که پادشاه بجا اند * مردم گفتند دیر است که بشکار رفته اند و دانست که برآمد رفته اند * آخر جلال الدین محمد اکبر پادشاه را گرفته و همه مردم پادشاهی را کوشانید در قندهار برو (or برد) و محمد اکبر پادشاه را بسلطانم بیگم کوچ خود سپرد * سلطانم بیگم کوچ میرزا عسکری بود * بسیار مهربانی و غنچواری میکرد *

و پادشاه که سوار شدند رو بجانب کوه نهادند تا چهار کوه رفتند و بعد از آن بسرعت تمام روان شدند * و در آن وقت این جماعت در ملازمت بودند — بیرم خان و خواجه معظم و خواجه نیازی (55b) و ندیم کوه و روشن کوه و حاجی محمد خان و بابا دوست بخشی و میرزا قلی بیگ جولی و حیدر محمد آخته بیگی و شیخ یوسف چولی و ابراهیم ایشک آغا و حسن علی ایشک آغا و یعقوب قورچی و عنبر ناظر و ملک مختار و سنبل میر هزار * و خواجه کیسک * خواجه غازی میگوید که من هم در ملازمت بودم * این جماعت همراه حضرت روان شدند — و حمید بانو بیگم میگویند که با سی کس بودند * و از ضعفا کوچ حسن علی ایشک آغا هم بوده *

نماز خفتن گذشته بود که در پای کوه رسیدند و کوه را آنبوع برف گرفته

* Text, *wa mir hazār*; clearly a clerical error. (هزار)

بود که راه نبود که بالای کوه روند و این دغدغه برداشتند که مبادا میرزا عسکری بی انصاف از عقب رسند * و آخر راه را یافته بهر روش بالای کوه رفتند و تمام شب در میان برف بودند * در آن وقت هیزم هم بهم نرسید که آتش کنند و برای خوردن هم چیزی نبود * گرسنگی بغایت تنگ کرد * مردم بیطاقتی شدند (56a) حضرت فرمودند که یک اسپ بکشید * حالا اسپ را که کشتند دیک نی که آتش بپختند * در دبلغه گوشت پختند و کباب کردند و چهار طرف آتش کردند و بدست مبارک خود کباب کرده نوش کردند * بزبان مبارک خود می فرمودند که سر من از زمهریر هم سرد شده بود * باری چون صبح شد کوه دیگر را نشان دادند که در آن کوه آبادانی هست و جماعه بلوچان در آنجا می باشند در آنجا می باید رفت * راهی شدند * در دو روز بدانجا رسیدند * خانه چندی دیدند * در آن خانه چند بلوچ وحشی که عبارت که از غول بیابان آن مردم اند در دامن کوه نشسته بودند * همراه حضرت قریب سی کس بودند * بلوچان که دیدند همه جمع شده آمدند * حضرت در خرگاه بدولت نشسته بودند که از دور دریافتند که حضرت نشسته اند با یکدیگر می گفتند که اگر ما این هارا گرفته پیش میرزا عسکری ببریم البته یراق این هارا بما (56b) می دهد بلکه انعامات زیادی هم خواهد داد * حسن علی ایسک آغا زن بلوچی داشت * او زبان بلوچی میدانست * او معلوم کرد که این غولهای بیابان خیال فاسد دارند — و صباح خیال کوچ داشتند * بلوچان گفتند که بلوچی که سردار ما است اینجا حاضر نیست * وقتی که او بیاید کوچ بکنید * چون وقت هم بیگانه شد بود تمام شب با احتیاط تمام بودند * پاره از شب گذشته بود که آن بلوچ سردار آمده حضرت را ملازمت کرد و گفت که فرمان میرزا کامران و میرزا عسکری با آمده است * در آن نوشته اند که شنید شد که پادشاه در خانهای شما تشریف دارند — اگر در آنجا باشند زنهار هزار

زنهار که نخواهید گذاشت — گرفته پیش ما بیارید — مال و اربابان نعلق بشما دارد و پادشاه را بندهار برسانید.* اوّل که من حضرت را ندیدم بزم خیال فاسد داشتم* الحال که حضرت را ملازمت کردم جان من خواندانی من (57a) پنج شش فرزندان دارم همه صدقه سر حضرت بلك صدقه یکنار موی حضرت* حضرت هرکجا که میخواهند تشریف فرمایند پناه خدا میرزا عسکری مرا هرچه خواهد بکند* آخر يك پاره لعل و مروارید و چیزهای دیگر به آن بلوچ عنایت فرمودند و صبح کوچ کرده بجانب قلعه بابا حاجی تشریف فرمودند*

بعد از دو روز رسیدند* آن قلعه داخل ولایت گرم سیراست و در کنار دریا واقع شده است و جمعی از سادات در آنجا می باشند* آمدن حضرت را ملازمت کردند و میزبانی بجا آوردند* صبح او خواجه علاول الدین محمود از میرزا عسکری گریخته آمد و قطار استر و اسب و شامیانه و غیره که داشت آورده پیشکش حضرت کرد* دیگر بی دغدغه شدند*

روز دیگر حاجی محمد خان کوکی با سی چهل سوار آمد و قطار استر پیشکش نمود* آخر از ناموافق برادران و نا هم پای امرا لا علاج شده مصلحت (57b) چنان دیدند که توکل بحضرت مسبب الاسباب کرده عزم جزم خراسان باید کرد* و بعد از قطع منازل و طئ مراحل بنواحی خراسان رسیدند* باب هلمند که رسیدند شاه طهماسب از استماع این خبر در تحیر و تفکر فرو ماند که همایون پادشاه از گردش فلك غدار کی رفتار نا سازگار به این حدود رسیدند و حضرت واجب الوجود باینجاها رسانید*

جمع اهالی و موالی و اشراف و اکابر و وصیع و شریف و کبیر و صغیرا باستقبال حضرت پادشاه فرستادند* همه اینها تا آب هلمند پیشواز آمدند و بهرام میرزا و الفاس میرزا و سام میرزا که برادران شاه باشند — همراه

باستقبال و بنیاد * این ها همه آمد در یافتند و به اعزاز و اکرام تمام حضرت را آوردند و چون نزدیک رسیدند برادران شاه بشاه خبر فرستادند * شاه نیز خود سوار شد باستقبال حضرت آمد * با یکدیگر دریافتند و آشنائی (58a) و یک جهت آن دو پادشاه عالی مقام مانند دو مغز در یک پوست بادیام قرار یافت و اتحاد و اخلاص بخدی رسیده بود که ایام چندی که حضرت آنجا تشریف داشتند اکثر اوقات شاه در منزل حضرت می آمدند و روزی که شاه غی آمدند حضرت می رفتند *

در خراسان که بودند هر باغ و بوستان که بود عمارات عالی که سلطان حسین میرزا بنا کرده بودند و عمارات عالی سابق و غیره همه را سیر می نمودند و نا در عراق بودند هشت مرتبه بشکار رفته بودند و هرگاه که بشکار می رفتند هر مرتبه حضرت را هم تکلیف میکردند -- و حمیه بانو بیگم در کجاوه یا در محافه از دور تماشا می کردند -- و شاهزاده سلطانم خواهر شاه بر اسب سوار شد بعقب شاه می ایستاد * حضرت گفته بودند که در شکار عقب شاه ضعیفه بر اسب سوار بود -- جلوش را مرد محاسن سفید گرفته ایستاده بود * مردم چنین می گفتند که شاهزاده سلطانم (58b) خواهر شاه است * قصه مختصر شاه بحضرت بسیار مهربانی و مروت پیش می آمد و تکلیف کرده مهربانی و غمیخواری مادرانه و خواهرانه می نمود *

روزی شاهزاده سلطانم حمیه بانو بیگم را تکلیف مهمانی نموده بود * شاه بخواهر خود گفت که چون مهمانی می کنی در بیرون شهر معرکه سازید * از شهر دو گروه دور پیشترک خیمه و خرگاه و بارگاه در صحن میدان خوب برپا کردند * چتر و طاق نیز برپا کردند * در خراسان و در آن حدود سراپرده می گرفتند و در عقب نمی گرفتند و حضرت پادشاه سراپرده مدور می گرفتند مثل هندوانه * مردم شاه خرگاه و بارگاه چتر و طاق برپا کرده در گرداگرد چغ های رنگارنگ مدور گرفته بودند و تمامی خویشان و ندان شاه

و عمه شاه و خواهران شاه و حرم‌های شاه و کوچ خانان و سلطانان و امرايان همه قریب هزار زن حاضر بودند همه پر زیب و زینت آراسته *

در آن روز شاهزاده سلطانیم پرسید از (59a) حمیده بانو بیگم که در هندوستان همچو چتر و طاق بهم میرسد * بیگم در جواب گفتند که خراسان را دو دانگ می‌گویند و هندوستان را چهار دانگ ... هرگاه که در دو دانگ بهم رسد در چهار دانگ خود بطریق اولی بهم خواهد رسید * شاه سلطانیم که خواهر شاه باشد نیز در جواب عمه خود مقوی سخن حمید بانو بیگم گفت که عمه از شما عجب است که این سخن را گفتند دو دانگ کجا و چهار دانگ کجا ظاهر است که بهتر و خوبتر بهم میرسیده باشد * و نام روز معرکه و مجلس را خوب گذرانیدند * در وقت طعام همه زنان امرا استاده خدمت می‌کردند * و حرمان شاه پیش شاهزاده سلطانیم آتش می‌ماندند * دیگر از هر جنس پارچای زردوزی و غیره چندان که باید و شاید به حمید بانو بیگم مهمانی کرده * شاه خود پیش رفته تا نماز خفتن در خانه پادشاه بوده * بعد از آن شنید که حمید بانو بیگم بخانه خود آمدند از پیش پادشاه (59b) برخاسته بخانه خود رفت * تا این حد رعایت و خاطرجوی خوب می‌کرد *

در آن اثنا روشن کوکه با وجود وفاداری و خدمات سابقه در آن ملک بیگانه و پر مخاطره بی وفائی کرد که چند پاره لعل قیمتی که در طومارهای حضرت پادشاه می‌بود که حضرت خود یا حمید بانو بیگم میدانستند و ثالثرا بان اطلاع نبود * اگر پادشاه بجائی تشریف می‌بردند آن طومار را به حمید بانو بیگم می‌سپردند * روزی بیگم بسر شستن رفتند * آن طومار را در بقعهٔ روپاک پیچید بر بالای پلنگ پادشاهی نهادند * روشن کوکه فرصت را

غنیمت دانسته است و پنج لعل را زردید و بخواجه غازی بکجهت شده و خواجه غازی سپرده و بهرور ایام صرف میخواستند صرف نمایند *

حمید بانز بیگم که سر خود را شسته آمدند حضرت پادشاه آن طومار را به بیگم دادند * بیگم از هوای دست فلحال دریافتند که آن طومار سبک ظاهر میشود * بیگم به پادشاه گفتند * حضرت فرمودند این چه معنی دارد (60a) غیر ما و شما ثالثی اطلاع ندارد چه شده باشد و که گرفته باشد * حیران شدند * بیگم برادر خود خواجه معظم را گفتند که همچو امری واقع شده... اگر درین طور وقت برادری را بجا آرید و تفحص این بیک روشی که شور نشود بکنید گویا مرا از خجالت می برآرید * والا تا زنک ام از روی پادشاه خجل خواهم بود *

خواجه معظم گفت — بکیزی بخاطر من می رسد که مرا با وجود تقرب حضرت پادشاه قوت آن نیست که تاوی لاغر توانم خرید بخلاف خواجه غازی و روشن کوکه که هر کدام اینها برای خودها اسپان بوجاق خرید اند و هنوز زراسپان را نداده اند * این خرید اینها بی امیدواری نیست * بیگم گفتند — ای برادر وقت برادری است — البته تفحص این معامله باید کرد * خواجه معظم گفت — ماه چیم * شما بکسی نگوئید — انشا الله تعالی امیدوارم که حق (60b) بمقدار برسد * از آنجا برآمد بخانه همون سوداگران پرسید که این اسپان را بچند فروختید؟ در بهای اسپان شما زرکی وعده کرده اند و ادای این زرها را بچه روش خاطر نشان کرده اند؟ سوداگران گفتند که با این هر دو شخص وعده لعلها کرده اند و اسپان برده اند * خواجه معظم از آنجا پیش نفر خواجه غازی آمد و گفت که بقیه برویای وناری و پری خواجه غازی در کجا می شد؟ و در چه جا نگاه میدارد * یتیم خواجه غازی جواب داد که خواجه ما بقیه

و ناری پری ندارد — يك طاقی داود كه وقت خواب گاهی زیر سر خود و گاهی در بغل خود نگاه میدارد * خواجه معظم فهمید و در دل جزم و یقین کرد كه آن لعلها در پیش خواجه غازی هست و در همان طاقی نگاه داشته است * پیش حضرت آمد و عرض كرد كه من نشان لعلهارا در طاقی خواجه غازی یافته ام * بيك روشی میخواهم از او آن را ربایم * اگر (61a) خواجه غازی پیش حضرت آمد از من استغاثه كند حضرت بمن چیزی نگویند * حضرت شنید تبسم فرمودند * خواجه معظم از آن باز بخواجه غازی هزل و مطایبه و مرقا (ك) ميكرد * خواجه غازی آمد بعرض حضرت پادشاه رسانید كه من مرد غریب و اسم و رسمى دارم و در ولایت بیگانه خواجه معظم خورد سال این چه معنى دارد كه بمن هزل و مطایبه و مرقا (ك) بكند و بمن اهانت رساند * حضرت پادشاه فرمودند كه با كی ندارد خورد سال است باری بخاطرش رسید باشد و از دلگیری ها بى ادبى كرده باشد * شما چیزی بخاطر نرسانید كه او خورد سال است *

روز دیگر خواجه غازی آمد در دیوانخانه نشسته بود كه خواجه معظم غافل ساخته يك بار طاقی را از سرش ربود و لعل بى بدل از طاقی برآورده پیش حضرت پادشاه و حمید بانو بيگم آورد و نهاد. حضرت تبسم كردند و حمید بانو بيگم خوشحال شدند و بخواجه معظم شاباش و رحمت (61b) باد گفتند * خواجه غازی و روشن كو كه از افعال هاى خود شرمه ارسه هر دو پیش شاه رفته و سخنان مخفی بعرض شاه رسانیدند تا بجدى چیزی ها گفتند كه خاطر شاه مكدر شد * حضرت پادشاه معلّم كردند كه اخلاص و اعتقاد شاه به دستور سابق نیست * فى الحال از لعل و جواهر هر چه داشتند بشاه فرستادند * شاه پادشاه گفتم كه گناه خواجه غازی و روشن كو كه است كه ما را از شما بیگانه كرده بودند و الا ما شما را بیگانه

میدانستم * باز هر دو پادشاه بکدل شدند و با یکدیگر خاطرا صاف کردند *
و آن هر دو حرام خور مردود هر (fault) پادشاه شدند * و آن هر دورا
پادشاه به شاه سپردند *

آن لعل هارا بهر نوعی و قتی که دانست و توانست گرفته و آن هارا
فرمود که در قید نگاه دارند... و حضرت پادشاه تا در عراق بودند
خوشحالی گذرانیدند و شاه انواع خاطر جوئی مینمودند و هر روز تحفه و هدیه
عجیب و غریب (62a) بمحضرت پادشاه میفرستادند * آخر الامر پسر
خود را با خانان و سلطانان و امرا بان بکومک همراه حضرت پادشاه کرده
با یران (؟) خاطر خواه و خرگاه و بارگاه و چتر و طاق و شامیانهای پرکار
و گلیمهای ابریشی و زلچهای کلابتون دوزی از هر باب اسباب چنانچه
باید و شاید و از توشکخانه و خزینه خانه و از هر کارخانه و باور چخانه
و رکابخانه پادشاهانه را طیار کرده بساعت نیک آن دو پادشاه عالیقدر
از یکدیگر رخصت شدند و از آنجا حضرت پادشاه متوجه قندهار شدند *
و حضرت پادشاه در آن وقت گناه آن هر دو بی وفارا از شاه طلبید
و بخشید همراه گرفته متوجه قندهار شدند *

میرزا عسکری که شنید که حضرت پادشاه از خراسان مراجعت نموده
بجانب قندهار می آید جلال الدین محمد اکبر پادشاه را بکابل پیش میرزا
کامران فرستادند * میرزا کامران به آکه جانم که (62b) خانزاده بیگم عمه
ما انا سپردند — و در آن وقت جلال الدین محمد اکبر پادشاه دو نیم
ساله بودند که آکه جانم گرفته نگاه داشتند و بسیار دوست میداشتند
و دست و پای ایشان را می بوسیدند و می گفتند که بعینه گویا دست و پای
برادر من: ابر پادشاه است و شباهت تمام دارد *

بعد از تحقیق شدن آمدن حضرت پادشاه بقندهار میرزا کامران بمحضرت
خانزاده بیگم زاری و عجز بسیار و مبالغه بی شمار می کردند که شما بدولت

پیش پادشاه قندهار بروید و میان مائیان صلح بکنید * و بعد از آمدن حضرت خاتزاده بیگم اکبر پادشاه را بمیرزا کامران سپردند و میرزا کامران بکوج خود خانم سپردند و بسرعت تمام بقندهار آمدند *

و حضرت پادشاه که بقندهار آمدند چهل روز میرزا کامران و میرزا عسکری در قندهار قبل داشتند و بیرم خان را به بلخی گری پیش میرزا کامران فرستادند (63a) میرزا عسکری عاجز و زبون شد گناه خود را درخواست نموده بیرون آمد حضرت پادشاه را ملازمت کرد — و حضرت پادشاه قندهار را گرفته فتح نمودند و به پسر شاه دادند * بعد از چند روز پسر شاه بیمار شد مُرد * حضرت پادشاه قندهار را بعد از آمدن بیرم خان بیرم خان سپردند *

و حمیده بانو بیگم را نیز در قندهار گذاشته منعاقب میرزا کامران متوجه شدند *

و آکه جانم خاتزاده بیگم که همراه بودند در مقام قتلحک که رسیدند تا سه روز تب کردند * هر چند که اطباء علاج کردند مفید نشد * روز چهارم در سینه نهضه و پنجاه و یک بر حمت حق پیوستند * در همان منزل قتلحک دفن کردند * بعد از سه ماه آورده در مقبره حضرت پادشاه بابام نگاه داشتند *

و میرزا کامران در آن چند سال که در کابل بودند هرگز بتاخت نرفته بودند * بیکبار آمدن حضرت پادشاه شنید در آن وقت (63b) ایشان را هوس ناخست شد بجانب هزاره بتاخت رفته بودند *

و درین اثنا میرزا هندال که گوشه درویشی را اختیار کرده بودند مراجعت حضرت پادشاه را از عراق و خراسان و فتح قندهار شنید فرصت را غیبت داشته میرزا یادگار ناصر را طلبید گفتند که پادشاه قندهار را آمدن فتح کردند و میرزا کامران خاتزاده بیگم را برای صلح فرستاده بودند *

پادشاه به آن روش صلح را قبول نکردند و حضرت پادشاه بیرم خان را برای
 یلچی گری فرستاده بودند * میرزا کامران سخنی بیرم خان را قبول نکردند و
 الحال پادشاه قندهار را به بیرم خان سپرده متوجه کابل شده اند * بیایند ما
 و شما شرط و عهد با یکدیگر کرده بمحله خود را بحضرت پادشاه رسانیم *
 میرزا یادگار ناصر قبول کرد * این هر دو شرط و عهد کردند * میرزا
 هندال گفتند که شما فرار را بر خود قرار بدهید * میرزا کامران که
 می شنود البته مرا خواهد گفت (64a) که یادگار ناصر گریخته شما رفته دلاسا
 کرده بیارید * تا آمدن من شما آهسته آهسته بروید * بعد از آنی که من آمدم
 رسیدم همراه شده بسرعت تمام خودها را بملازمت حضرت پادشاه خواهیم
 رسانید * همین را قرار داده میرزا یادگار ناصر گریخت * خبر میرزا کامران
 رفت * میرزا کامران فی الحال گشته بکابل آمدند و میرزا هندال را
 طلبید گفتند که شما بروید و میرزا یادگار ناصر را دلاسا کرده بیارید *
 ایشان فی الحال سوار شده بسرعت تمام آمد همراه شدند * دیگر از آنجا بلغار
 کرده در پنج شش روز آمد بملازمت حضرت مشرف شدند و بحضرت عرض
 کردند که برآه نکیه حمار * باید متوجه شد *

در سینه نهصد و پنجاه و یک نهم شهر رمضان المبارک در تکیه حمار^{۹۵۱}
 نزول اجلال فرمودند * هان روز بمیرزا کامران خبر رسید * میرزا کامران را
 اضرائی عجیبی دست داد * در ساعت چادر برآورده در پیش گذرگاه
 فروز آمدند و حضرت (64b) پادشاه در یازدهم شهر رمضان در
 جلگه نیبه^{**} نزول اجلال فرمودند و میرزا کامران هم آمد در برابر
 فروز آمدند بقصد جنگ * درین اثنا هم امریان و سپاهیان میرزا

* خجاری؟ (خجاری).

** Perhaps the Tibah of Babar (Mems: L. & E. 139 & 136 n.) which Mr. Erskine says is 3 m. s. of Ak-serai and to the left of the road from that place to Kabul. Abu'l-fazl (A. N. I. 243) gives Julga-i-duri as the meeting place.

کامران گریخته آمد بیابوسی حضرت پادشاه مشرف شدند — و باپوس که یکی از امرای نامی میرزا کامران بود وی نیز بجماعه خود گریخته بقدم بوسی حضرت آمد مشرف گشت * میرزا کامران یکی و تنها ماندند و چون دیدند که در گرد و نواحی من کس نماند — منزل باپوس که امرای نامی ایشان بود نزدیک بود — در و دیوار مشارالیه را انداخته و بران کرده و آهسته آهسته از پیش باغ نوروزی و گورخانه گلبرخ بیگم شد این دوازده هزار سوار خود طلاق داده رفتند * چون تاریک شد بهمان راه به بابا دشتی در پیش کول آمد ایستادند و دوستی کوکه و جوی خان را فرستادند که حبیب بیگم دختر کلان میرزا و ابراهیم سلطان میرزا پسر میرزا کامران و هزاره بیگم برادرزاده خضر خان و ماه بیگم (65 a) خواهر حرم بیگم و مهر افروز * بیکه مادر حاجی بیگم و باقی کوکه که این جمله را بیارید * آخر این جماعه بمیرزا کامران همراه شدند و میرزا متوجه تهته و بکهر شدند *

در ولایت خضر خان که در سر راه بکهر واقعست در آنجا که رفتند حبیب بیگم را باقی سلطان نکاح بسته سپردند و خود بجانب بکهر و تهته شدند * حضرت پادشاه فتح کرده در شب دوازدهم پنج گهری شب گذشته بود که در بالای حصار نزول اجلال بدولت و سعادت و اقبال نزول فرمودند و مردم میرزا کامران که بخدمت مشرف شده بودند همه نقاره نواخته در خدمت حضرت در کابل درآمدند * و روز دوازدهم ماه مذکور حضرت والد دلداری بیگم و گلچهر بیگم و این حقیر حضرت را ملازمت کردیم * چون مدت پنج سال بود که از دولت ملازمت محروم و مهجور بودیم و از محنت دوری و مشقت مهجوری خلاص شده بدولت وصال آن ولی نعمت مشرف شدیم و بجزد دیدن دل غمزه را حضوری (65 b) و چشم رمد دیده را نوری تازه حاصل گشته، و از خوشحالی هر زمان سجدهات شکر بجا می آورد *

و اکثر اوقات معرکه و مجلس بود و شبها تا صبح می نشستند و سازندها و گویندها دایم در نوازش بودند * و اکثر بساط نشاط بازی میکردند ... از آن جمله — دوازده کس بودند بهر کس بیست ورق بیست ورق و بیست بیست شاهرخ می دادند و کسی که پای میداد هین بیست شاهرخ پای میداد که پنج مثقالی باشد و اگر می برد هر چند که بازی میکردند زیاده می بردند *

و مردم که در جنگ چوسه و کنوج و بکهر و در آن فطراتها در توده حضرت کشته و خسته گشته بودند بیوها و بیتیمان و اهل و عیال آن جماعت را وظیفه و رانیه و آب و زمین و قلیها عنایت می فرمودند و مردم سپاهی و رعیت و غیره را بسیار اسودگی و فراغت در ایام دولت حضرت روی داد * همیشه بفراغت میگذرانیدند و بچنان درازئی حضرت اکثر بفاتحه خیریت قیام و اقتدام (66a) می نمودند *

بعد از چند روز بقندهار برای طلب حمیه بانو بیگم کسان فرستادند * بعد از آمدن حمیه بانو بیگم جلال الدین محمد اکبر پادشاه را ختنه سور کردند و اسباب طوی سنت را طیار میکردند * و بعد از نوروز هفت ده روزهای بونی میکردند و لباسهای سبز می پوشیدند و قریب سی چهل دختر را حکم می شد که لباسهای سبز پوشند و بر کوهها برآیند — و در يك نوروز بر کوه هفت داندان برآمدند * اکثر در حضور و عیش و فراغت میگذرانیدند و وقتی که محمد اکبر پادشاه پنج ساله شدند در شهر کابل ختنه سور کردند و در همان دیوان خانه کلان طوی سنت را دادند — و تمام بازار را آئین بستند و میرزا همدال و میرزا یادگار ناصر و سلطانان و امرایان بجهت آئین بندی — باهائ خوب و مرغوب راست کرده بودند و در باغ بیگه بیگم بیگمان وضعفا جاهای عجیب و غریب راست کرده بودند — و ساچق را هم میرزایان و امرایان در (66b) همان باغ دیوان خانه آوردند * بسیار طوی

نفر و معرکه خوب گذرانیدند و بمردمان خلعت‌های فاخر و سروپاهای
وافر عنایت فرمودند * و مردم رعیت و علما و صلحا و فقرا و غربا و شریف
و وضع و صغیر و کبیر در امنیت و رفا روز بعیش و شب بعشرت
میگذرانیدند *

و بعد از آن متوجه قلعه ظفر شدند و در قلعه مذکور میرزا سلیمان
بودند * برای جنگ برآمدند * چون مقابل شدند مقاومت نتوانستند کرد
و فرار را بر خود قرار دادند * و حضرت پادشاه بدولت و ساعدت در
قلعه ظفر درآمدند * و در کشم پادشاه خود تشریف داشتند *

در آن زمان اندک تشویش در وجود مبارک ایشان غالب شد و صباح آن
روز خفت یافتند — و بهوش خود که آمدند فضایل بیگ برادر منعم خان را
بکابل فرستادند که برو و مردم کابل را تسلی و دل‌داری داده بنوعی
دلجوئی ایشان بکن که برهم نخورند و بگو — رسیده بود بلای ولی بهخیر
گذشت *

بعد از رفتن فضیل بیگ (Gīra) بکابل یکروز پیشترک بکابل رفته
بودند و از کابل خبر دروغ در بکهر میرزا کامران رسید میرزا کامران در
ساعت از بکهر ابلاغ کرده متوجه کابل میشود و در وقتی که زاهد بیگ را
آمد کشتند و متوجه کابل شدند *

و در سحری بود که مردم کابل غافل بودند و دروازه‌ها را بدستور سابق
کشادند و مردم آب کش و علف کش و غیره می‌درآمدند و می‌برآمدند که
همراه همون مردم عام در قلعه درآمدند و محمد علی تغائی را که در حمام
بوده فی الحال کشتند — و در مدرسه ملا عبد الخالق فروز آمدند *
وقتی که حضرت بجانب قلعه ظفر تشریف می‌بردند زکار را بر در

در غزنین که آمده زاهد بیگرا — I propose to read here (در) *
which agrees with other sources.

حرم گذاشته بودند * میرزا کامران پرسیدند که بر بالای حصار کیست؟ یکی گفته باشد که نوکار است — و این خبر را نوکار شنید در همان ساعت لباس زنانه پوشید برآمد بود که مردم میرزا کامران دربانان حصار را گرفتند و پیش میرزا کامران بردند * ایشان فرمودند که در بند بکنید (67b) بعد ازین مردم میرزا کامران بالای حصار رفتند و اشیاء و اسباب بی شمار اهل حرم تالان و تاراج کرده در سرکار میرزا کامران ضبط و ربط نمودند و بیگمان کلان را در خانه میرزا عسکری نشانند * و در آن خانه را از خشت و گچ و ماس * مسدود ساختند — و از بالای چهار دیواری خانه مذکور بیگمان را آب و طعام می دادند * و در خانه که میرزا یادگار ناصر می بودند خواجه معظم را نشانند — و در حلی که حرمان حضرت و بیگمان دیگر بودند در آن محل اهل و عیال خود را فرمودند — و اهل و عیال و اطفال سپاهبانی که گریخته در ملازمت حضرت رفته بودند به آنها بسیار بد پیش آمدند — و خانه هر کدام آنها را تاراج و تالان کردند — و اهل و عیال هر کدام را یکی سپردند * چون استماع نمودند که میرزا کامران از بکهر آمد چنین کارها کردند حضرت باز از قلعه ظفر و اندراب بدولت و سعادت متوجه کابل شدند و قلعه ظفر بمیرزا سلیمان عنایت فرمودند *

چون حضرت بنوایی کابل رسیدند میرزا (68a) کامران حضرت والء را و مرا از خانه طلبیدند و حضرت والء را حکم کردند که در خانه قوریکی باشند — و مرا گفتند که این هم خانه شماست — همین جا باشید * من گفتم که برای چه اینجا باشم — در جای که والء من خواهد بود من نیز آنجا خواهم بود * ایشان در جواب من گفتند که پس شما بخضر خواجه خان خطی نویسید که آمد با ملحق شوند و خاطر جمع دارند — بنوعی که میرزا

* Armenian, cakes of dung. "the word is current in Turkī. The translation should read "He closed the door of that house" &c..

عسکری و میرزا هندال برادرانِ من اند ایشان نیز برادرِ من اند که این وقتِ مدد است * من در جوابِ ایشان گفتم که خضر خواجه خان سواد ندارد که خطِ مرا شناسد و من هرگز خود نه نوشته ام * در بیرون از زبانِ فرزنداش می نویسد — هرچه بخاطرِ شما برسد بنویسد * آخر الامر مهدی سلطان را و شیرعلی را بطلبِ خان فرستادند و من در اوایل گفته بودم بخان که برادرانِ تو پیش میرزا کامران می باشند — مبادا تو هم خیالِ آن کنی و پیش ایشان (68b) روی و به برادرانِ خود ملحق شوی — زنه‌ار الف زنه‌ار که از حضرت جدای را خیال نکنی * باری شکر الحمد لله بنوعی که گفته بودم خان هم تجاوز نه نمود — و حضرت پادشاه که شنیدند که مهدی سلطان و شیرعلی را میرزا کامران باوردن خضر خواجه خان فرستاده حضرت نیز قنبر بیگ پدر میرزا حاجی را بطلبِ خضر خواجه خان فرستادند *

در آن اوان خان در جاگیرِ خود بود * گفته فرستادند — زنه‌ار الف زنه‌ار که بمیرزا کامران ملحق نشود — در ملازمتِ ما بیایید * آخر خضر خواجه خان بجهتِ شنیدنِ این خبر و پیغامِ فرح انجام متوجه درگاهِ فلک بارگاه گشت و در عقابین آمد ملازمت کرد *

آخر حضرت از منار که گذشتند درین اثنا شیر افکن پدر شیرویه را میرزا کامران ترتیب داده و ترتیب کرده تمام لشکرِ خود همراه کرده پیش فرستادند که رفته جنگ کند * مایان از بالا میدیدیم که او نقاره زده از پیش بابا دستی میکشست و مایان میگفتیم که خدا نصیب نکند که (69a) تو رفته جنگ کنی و گریه میکردیم *

آخر چون در برابر دیه افغانان که رسید و قراولان روبرو که شدند بجهتِ روبرو شدن قراولانِ حضرت پادشاه قراولانِ میرزائی را برداشتند و اکثر دستگیر کرده پیش حضرت آوردند * حضرت حکم کردند بمغولان که آنها را پاره پاره کردند و اکثر مردمِ میرزا کامران که بجنگ رفته بودند

بدست مردم پادشاهی اسیر شدند و دستگیر گشتند و آن حضرت بعضی را کشتند و بعضی را در بند کردند* از آن میان جوکی خان که از امرایان میرزا کامران بود او نیز بدست افتاد*

حضرت پادشاه و میرزا هندال در ملازمت حضرت بفتح و فیروزی شادیانه نواختند و بکوکبه و دبدبه در عقابین درآمدند — و از برای خود خیمه و سرگاه و بارگاه برپا کردند* و میرزا هندال را مورچال پلِ مستان تعیین نمودند و بامرایان هر جا هر جا مورچال تعیین کردند*

تا مدت هفت ماه محاصره داشتند* از قضا يك روزی (69 b) میرزا کامران از حویلی در دالان میرفتند که شخصی از عقابین تفنگ انداخت و ایشان دوید خود را در کناره گرفتند و اکبر پادشاه را گفتند که در روبرو بُرده نگاه دارید* آخر مردم بعرض اقدس اشرف رسانیدند که میرزا محمد اکبر را در روبرو نگاه داشته اند* حضرت فرمودند که تفنگ نه اندازند* بعد ازین مردم پادشاهی در بالای حصار تفنگ نی انداختند و از شهر کابل مردم میرزا کامران بعقابین در لشکر حضرت تفنگ می انداختند — و مردم پادشاهی میرزا عسکری را در برابر روبرو ایستاده می کردند و سپاهیان پادشاهی شوخی مینمودند و مردم میرزا کامران هم از قلعه برآمد جنگ میکردند و از جانبین مردم کشته می گشتند* اکثر مردم حضرت غالب می آمدند — دیگر از قلعه دلبر نی برآمدند — و حضرت از ملاحظه عیال و اطفال و بیگمان و مردم و حرمان و جماعه دیگر توپ و ضرب جنگ نی انداختند — و بخانها (?) اب را (70 a) تنگ نی کردند*

چون محاصره بدور دراز انجام شد خواجه دوست خواند مداربچه را در پیش حضرت فرستادند که از برای خدا میرزا کامران هر چه التماس می کند قبول فرمایند و بندهای خدا را از محنت خلاص بکنند*

حضرت از بیرون از برای ایشان نه گوسفند و هفت شیشه گلاب و يك

شیشه آب لیمون و هفت توقوز پازچه و چند نیمه دوخته فرستادند و نوشتند که از جهة ایشان نمی توانم بقلعه زور آورد که مبادا بدشمنان ایشان بنوعی دیگر پیش آید*

و در آن ایام جهان سلطان بیگم دو ساله شد در همان قبل فوت شد و می نوشتند که اگر بقلعه زور آوریم زمانی میرزا محمد اکبر را پنهان خواهد کرد* غرض دائم در بالای حصار مردم از نماز شام تا صبح حاضر باش و غوغا داشتند* شبی که میرزا کامران میگریزند نماز شام گذشت بلکه خفتن شد که (70 b) هیچ غوغای ظاهر نشد — و توتلی بود که از آنجا مردم پایان ببالا می برآمدند* در آن حین مردم شهر آرام و تسکین یافته بودند که بیکبار آواز جیبه و جوشن وزره برآمد که بهمدیگر خبر کردیم که غلو می نماید* در پیش جلوخانه قریب هزار کس استاده باشند* مایان هم در وهم بودیم بیکبار بی خبر برآمدند و پسر قراچه خان بهادر خان آمد خبر کردند که میرزا فرار نموده و خواجه معظم را از راه دیوار ریمان انداخته بر آوردند*

و مردم مایان و بیگمان و غیبه که در بیرون بودند و دری که بالای مایان برآورده بودند واکردند* بیکه بیکم مبالغه کردند که برویم بخانه های خود* من گفتم که زمانی صبر کنید — از راه کوچه باید رفت و شاید که از پیش حضرت هم کسی آید — که درین ضمن عنبر ناظر آمد و گفت که حضرت فرموده اند که تا من نیام از آن خانه ها نه برآیند* زمانی گذشته بود که حضرت آمدند و به دلدار بیگم و بمن دریافتند بعد از آن به بیکه بیکم و بمحمیه بانو بیگم دریافتند و فرمودند که زود ازین (71 a) خانه برآئید که دوستان را خدا ازین نورخانه نگاه دارد و نصیب دشمنان شود* بناظر فرمودند که در يك طرف تو باش و در يك طرف تردی بیگ خان باشد و بیگمان را بگذرانند* آخر هم آمدند و آن شب در ملازمت حضرت بودیم — و از

خوشحالی تمام شب در یکرمان صباح شد — ماه چوچک بیگم و خانش آغا و حرمان که در لشکر همراه حضرت آمده بودند دریافتیم *

و وقتی که حضرت به بدخشان رفتند ماه چوچک بیگم دختر زائیدند * در همان شب حضرت در خواب دیدند که فخرالنسا مامان و دولت بخت هر دو از در درآمدند و چیزی آوردند و پیش من گذاشتند * هر چند تفکر کردند فرمودند که تعبیر آن چه باشد * آخر در خاطر رسانیدند که چون دختر شده است از نام هر دو یکی نسا و از دیگری بخت بطریق اختصار بخت نسا بیگم نام نهادند *

ماه چوچک بیگم چهار دختر و دو پسر زائیدند — بخت نسا بیگم و سکیه بانو بیگم و امنه بانو (71 b) بیگم و محمد حکیم میرزا و فرخ فال میرزا — و وقتی که حضرت متوجه هندوستان شدند ماه چوچک بیگم حامله بودند * در کابل پسر زائیدند — فرخ فال میرزا نام نهادند * و بعد از چند گاه از خانش آغا پسر تولد شد — ابراهیم سلطان میرزا نام نهادند * و مدت یکین سال کامل بدولت و سعادت در کابل بعیش و عشرت گذرانیدند *

و میرزا کامران که از کابل فرار نمودند بجانب بدخشان رفتند و در طالقان می بودند — و حضرت در آورته باغ می بودند * صباح که بنماز برخاستند خبر شد که اکثر امرای میرزا کامران که در ملازمت حضرت بودند گریخته رفتند — از جمله قراچه خان و مضاحب خان و مبارز خان و بابوس و اکثر نامرادان شب گریخته به بدخشان رفتند و میرزا کامران ملحق شدند * حضرت در ساعت نیک متوجه بدخشان شدند و میرزا کامران را در طالقان محاصره کردند *

بعد از چند گاه میرزا کامران اطاعت و فرمان برداری قبول کرده و آمدند حضرت را (72 a) ملازمت کرده * کولاب را حضرت بمیرزا کامران دادند

و قلعه ظفر را میرزا سلیمان دادند و قندهار را میرزا هندال و طالقان را میرزا
عسکری عنایت فرمودند *

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سلیمان *

چند توره که در ملازمت حضرت پادشاه نشسته اند فرمودند که آفتابه
چلانچی بیارید که دست شسته همه بیکجا طعام بخوریم * حضرت پادشاه
دست شستند و میرزا کامران دست شستند * بسال نسبت میرزا عسکری و
میرزا هندال میرزا سلیمان کلان بودند * بجهت تعظیم آفتابه و چلانچی هر دو
برادران پیش میرزا سلیمان نهادند * و بعد از دست شستن میرزا سلیمان
بینی خود را حرکتی بدی کرد * میرزا عسکری و میرزا هندال بسیار درشت
پیش آمدند (72b) و گفتند که این چه روستای کربست؟ اولاً ما یان چه
حد داریم که در حضور حضرت پادشاه دست بشویم — اما چون عنایت
فرمودند و حکم نمودند نتوانستم تغییر حکم کرد — این اداهای بینی جنبانی چه
معنی دارد * آخر میرزا عسکری و میرزا هندال بیرون برآمد دست شسته
آمد نشستند — و میرزا سلیمان بسیار شرمند شد — و همه در یک دستار خان
طعام خوردند * و حضرت درین مجلس این حقیر را یاد فرمودند و به برادران
خود گفته اند که در لاهور کلبدن بیگم گفته بودند که این آرزو دارم که
هئ برادران را بیکجا به بینم و از صباح که نشسته ایم همان سخن بخاطریم
میرسد انشا الله تعالی جمعیت ما را حق سبحانه تعالی در امان خود دارد *
بخدا روشن است که در ضمیر من این نیست که زبانِ مسلمانی بظلم چه جای
آنکه زبانِ برادران را می طلبید باشم — انشا الله تعالی بهمئ ثمایان خدای
تعالی همین توفیق کرامت کند که موافق و بیکجه باشد (73a) و در میانه

مردم عجب سوقی و خوشحالی روی داده بود — چرا که اکثر امرایان و نوکران هم خویش و برادر یکدیگر بودند از مهر جدای صاحبان خود آنها هم از یکدیگر جدا بلك تشنه خونِ یکدیگر بودند * الحال همه بجای خوشحالی تمام میگذرانیدند *

و از بدخشان که آمدند یکنیم سال در کابل بودند * بعد از آن عزم جزم بلخ نمودند و در باغ دلکشا منزل فرمودند و دولت خانه حضرت را در پایان باغ مذکور روبرو برپا کردند و بیگمان در حویلی کلی بیگ که چون نزدیک بود آنجا فرود آمدند * بحسرت باز عرض رسانیدند که ایا رواج چنور می برآمد باشد * حضرت فرمودند — چون که بلشکر میرویم برآه کوه دامن رویم تا شمایان برآمد رواج را به بینید * نماز دیگری بود که حضرت سوار شد در باغ دلکشا آمدند و حویلی کلی بیگ که بیگمان در آن بودند نزدیک بود و آنجا سرکوب بود *

حضرت آمد استادند * بیگمان همه دیدند و برخواستند (73b) و کورنش کردند — و بهر د کورنش کردن بیگمان حضرت بدست مبارک خود اشتهارت کردند که بیائید * فخر النساء ماما و افغانی آغاچه پیشترک میرفتند — و در دامن کوه باغ دلکشا جوی بوده است * افغانی آغاچه از جوی مذکور نتوانست گذشت و افغانی آغاچه از اسب افتاد * از برای آن ساعتی معطل کردند * آخر الامر بعد از ساعتی بملازمت اشرف اقدس مشرف گشتیم و ماه چوچاک بیگم نا دانسته اسپش اندک بلند رفت * از برای آن حضرت بسیار اعراض کردند — باغ مذکور در بلندی بود و هنوز دیوارها نکرده بودند * درین اثنا در چهره مبارک حضرت کلفتی پدید آمد * فرمودند که شمایان بروید رمن افیون خورده و این کلفت را تسکین داده خواهم آمد * مایان بفرموده حضرت اندک راهی رفته بودیم که حضرت تشریف آوردند * در واقع کلفت بالکلیه بر طرف شد و خوشحال و فرخناک آمدند * شب

مہتاب بود * حرف و حکایات مکررہ (M.S. 83a) میرفتہ و خانش
 آغاچہ و ظریف گویند و سروسہی و شاہم آغا آہستہ آہستہ نقش ** می گفتند *
 نا کہ بلغان رسیدند خیمہ و خرگا و بارگاہ پادشاہی و چادرہای بیگان
 ہنوز نیامد بود * در آنوقت چادرِ مہر آمیز آمد بود * حضرت و ہمہ
 مایان و حمید بانو بیگم نیز در ہمان چادر در ملازمتِ حضرت تا دو پھر
 و سہ گہری شب نشیستہ بودیم * آخر در چادر مذکور در ملازمتِ آن قبلہ
 حقیقی خواب کردیم — و صبح میخواستند کہ رفتہ در کوہ رواج را بہ بینید *
 چون اسپان بیگان در دیہ بودند تا آمدنِ اسپان وقتِ سیر گذشت * حکم
 کردند کہ در بیرون اسپِ ہر کس کہ باشد بیارید * اسپان را کہ آوردند
 فرمودند سوار شوید *

بیگہ بیگم و ماہ چوچک بیگم ہنوز سروپا می پوشیدند * من بمحضرت
 عرض کردم کہ اگر حکم شود من رفتہ آنہارا بیارم * فرمودند — زودتر
 برو و بیار * من بہ بیگم و ماہ چوچک بیگم و غیرہ حرملہای دیگر گفتم —
 بندہٗ سرِ حضرت شوم — چہ بالا انتظار میدہد * اینہارا بمعصلی غام
 می آوردم (M.S. 83b) کہ حضرت از روبروی ما تشریف آوردند و
 فرمودند — کلبدن حالا خود وقتِ سیر گذشت تا بہ آنجا رسیدن ہوا
 گرم خواہد شد — انشا اللہ تعالی نماز پیشین را ادا کردہ خواہم رفت *

* (کردہ) It seems to me that in binding the M.S. in India; fol. 83 has been misplaced and that it should follow at this point where its contents are *à propos*. The catchwords are wanting on it and on 74a.

This emendation has been made only since the preparation of my article on Gulbadan Begam (Calcutta Review, April 1898) and contradicts and modifies some statements of that article.

The account of the journey to Laghman (fol. 83) is appropriate here and is out-of-place in the story of Kamran's blinding and of Humāyūn's subsequent movements.

It is possible that another page also is missing and that the quiet singing was not on the road.

* (نقشی) Ar. *nags*, an air with its variations. (Pavet de Courteille.)

و خرگاهی که بهمان خرگاه حمید بانو بیگم آمد نشستند * بعد از نماز پیشین نا اسپان را آوردن میان دو نماز شد * درین طور وقت شریف بردند * در دامن کوه هر جا رواج برگ برآورده بود در آن درها گشت و سیر میکردند که شام شد * در همان جا چادر و خرگاه برپا کرده آمد نشستند * آن شب در آنجا نیز بعیش و عشرت بهم گذرانیدیم و مایان هم در ملازمت آن قبله حقیقی بودیم * صبح وقت نماز بیرون شریف بُردند — و از بیرون به بیگه بیگم و حمید بانو بیگم و ماه چوچک بیگم و بمن و بهمه بیگمان عجله خط نوشتند که بگاہ خود قایل شد عذرخواهی نوشید * انشا الله در فرضه یا در استالیف خیرباد کرده متوجه لشکر خواهم شد و اگر نه (74a) بخدا (؟ بجداً) سپردیم * آخر هم عذرخواهی نوشته بخدمت اقدس اسرف فرستادند * عاقبت الامر حضرت و همه بیگمان سوار شد از لغمان به بهزادی آمدیم و شب هر کس بمنزل خود رفت و صباح آن طعام نوش جان کردند و نماز پیشین سوار شد بفرضه آمدند *

حمید بانو بیگم بخانه مایان نه نه گوسپند فرستادند — و یک روز پیشترک بیبی دولت بخت در فرضه آمد بود و خوردنی وافر و شیر و جغرات و شیر و شربت و غنیم طیار کرده بودند * آن شب بعیش گذرانید صباح بر بالای فرضه ثرآب خوبست * آنرا (fault) استالیف رفته و سه روز دیگر در استالیف بودند و بعد از آن کوچ کرده در ^{۹۵۸} سته نهصد و پنجاه هشت متوجه بلخ شدند *

و از کونل که گذشتند میرزا کامران و میرزا سلیمان و میرزا عسکری فرمانهای طلب فرستادند که ما متوجه جنگ اوزبک شدیم وقت یکجته و برادر بست می باید که بسرعت تمام برسید * میرزا سلیمان و میرزا عسکری آمد (74b) بحضرت ملحق شدند * کوچ به کوچ متوجه شد به بلخ رسیدند *

پیر محمد خان در بلخ بود و در همان روز اول مردم پیر محمد خان
 برآمد جنگ صف کردند * لشکر پادشاهی غالب آمد و مردم پیر محمد
 خان شکست خورده در شهر در آمدند * صباح آن پیر محمد خان قرار
 داده بود که چغتای زور است — من نمی توانم جنگ کرد — بهتر است که
 برآمد بروم — که امرا یان پادشاهی یکی بعرض رسانید که یورت چرکین شده
 است — اگر ازین منزل برخواسته دشت منزل نمایند مناسب است *
 حضرت حکم فرمودند چنین بکنند * بجهت که دست به بار و بارخانه نهند
 دیگر مردم تلافی شدند و چند کس نادی کرد مردم کسی بس نیامد *
 چون خواست آلهی چنین بود بی جهت غنیم و تقریب و بی واسطه مردم
 راهی شدند * به اوزبک خبر رسید که لشکر پادشاهی کوچ کرد * اوزبک
 در تعجب شد و بساویان پادشاهی هر چند که سعی کردند به ریزه پاسبان نه
 آمدند (75a) و بمنع کردن نشد * مردم راهی شدند * حضرت مدتی استادند *
 آخر دیدند که کس نماند * ضرور شد حضرت هم روان شدند و میرزا
 عسکری و میرزا هندال را خبر نبود که لشکر پادشاهی برهم خورده است *
 اینها سوار شده آمدند — دیدند که در لشکرگاه کسی نماند و اوزبک
 در پی برآمدن است * اینها نیز بطرف قندوز راهی شدند * حضرت اندک
 راهی آمده بودند که استادند و گفتند که برادران نا حال نه آمدند * من
 چطور پیش روم * به بعضی امرا و غیره که در ملازمت بودند فرمودند که
 کسی باشد که از میرزایان خبر بیارد * هیچکس جواب نداد و نرفت *
 بعد از آن از قندوز از مردم میرزا خبر آمد — عرض داشت کرده اند که
 شنید شد که شکست واقع شده — ندانستم که بکدام طرف رفتند * این
 خط که بدست حضرت افتاد بسیار بی طاقی کردند * خضر خواجه خان
 گفته اگر حکم شود من خبر بیارم * پادشاه فرمودند — رحمت باد — انشا
 الله باشد که میرزا بقندوز رفته باشد * بعد از (75b) دو روز خضر خواجه

خان خبر میرزا هندال را بحضرت آورد که بصحت و سلامت در قندوز رسیدند * این خبر را که حضرت شنیدند بسیار خوشحال شدند *

و میرزا سلیمان را بجای خود که قلعه ظفر باشد رخصت کردند و خود بکابل آمدند * میرزا کامران که در کولاب بودند نرخان بیگم نام عورتی عیار مکاره بود بمیرزا کامران راه نموده که به حرم بیگم اظهار عاشقی بکنید که درین مصححتهاست * میرزا کامران هم بگفته آن ناقص العقل خطی و رویاکی بدست بیگی آغا بجرم بیگم فرستادند * این عورت خط و رویا را برده پیش حرم بیگم نهاد و ملازمت میرزا کامران و اشتیاق بسیار اظهار کرد * حرم بیگم گفت که حالا این خط و رویا را نگاه دارید هرگاه میرزایان از بیرون بیابند این خط و رویا را بیارید * بیگی آغا در پی گریه و زاری و ملازمت که میرزا کامران این خط و رویا را بشما فرستاده و مدتهاست که بشما عاشق است و شما ازین بابت بی مروتی می کنید * حرم بیگم (76 a) بنیاد اعراض و شدت تمام نموده فی الحال میرزا سلیمان و میرزا ابراهیم را طلبید گفت که میرزا کامران نا مردی های شایان را دانسته است که بن همپو خطی نوشته واقع که من لایق این بودم که مرا چنین نویسد * میرزا کامران برادر کلان تو باشد و من بجای کلین ایشان باشم * مرا ازین بابت خطی فرستد * بگیری و این زنکه را پاره پاره سازید تا بر دیگران عبرت شود و هیچکس بر اهل و عیال کسی بچشم بدخیال فاسد نکند و از زن آدمی زاده چه مناسب که همپو چیزهای نالایق بیارد و از من و پسر من نترسد * و فی الحال بیگی آغا بیبی دولت خون گرفته را پاره پاره کردند و میرزا سلیمان و میرزا ابراهیم ازین جهت بمیرزا کامران بد شدند بلکه دشمن شدند و بخدمت حضرت نوشتند که قصد مخالفت دارد و مخالفت ازین صریحت نمی باشد که در حین توجه بلخ در ملازمت همراه نرفته * بعد از آن میرزا کامران در کولاب از توهم هراسیدن هیچ علاجی

بهرتر ازین (76 b) نیافتند که خود را به گوشه بکشند * ابوالقاسم میرزا پسر خود را پیش میرزا عسکری فرستادند و عایشه سلطان بیگم دختر خود را میرزا کامران همراه گرفته بجانب طالقان میرفت و خانم کوچ میرزا کامران بود * باو گفتند که شما و دختر شما از عقب بیایید * در هر جا که قرار خواهم گرفت شما را خواهم طلبید * اما نا آن زمان شما در خوست و اندراب رفته نشینید * خانم مذکور با خانان اوزبک قرابت داشت * در میان آن اوزبکان از خویشاں آن بوده به اوزبکان معلوم کرده و فهمانید که اگر غرض او بچه است مال و داه و غلام دارم ببرید و ضمناً را گذارید که برادرزاده عایشه سلطان خانم اگر فردا شنود از شما البته خواهد رنجید * بصد مکر و حيله و بصد حیرانی و بی سامانی از بند اوزبک خلاص شد در خوست و اندراب رسید در آنجاها می بودند *

و میرزا کامران از شکست بلخ اطلاع یافته که حضرت در باره من چنانچه ملتفت بودند نیستند و از کولاب (77 a) برآمد بهر طرف می گشت *

در این اثنا حضرت از کابل برآمد بطرف دشت قبیچاق که رسیدند غافل در جائی پشت فرود آمد بودند که میرزا کامران از جای بلندی یکبار مُسلح و مکمل شد آمد بر سر دشمنان حضرت ریختند * چون خواست الهی چنین بود يك کور باطن گردن شکسته ظالم ستمکار بد بخت نابکار بحضرت پادشاه زخم انداخت و بر مبارک ایشان رسید و تمام پیشانی و پشیمای مبارک ایشان بخون آلوده شد بود * بطریقی که در جنگ مغولان بر مبارک حضرت فردوس مکانی بابر پادشاه مغولی زخم زده و طاقی و دستار برید نشد اما بر مبارک ایشان مجروح شد ... حضرت هابون پادشاه دایم تعجبها می نمودند و می گفتند که عجب سراسر است که طاقی و دستار برید نشود و بر زخم رسد * غرض بر مبارک ایشان هم همان طور شد * حضرت بعد از شکست دشت قبیچاق به بدخشان رفتند و میرزا هندال و میرزا

سلیمان و (77b) میرزا ابراهیم آمد حضرت را ملازمت کردند و حضرت بکابل رفتند و میرزایان در دولخواهی بکدل و بکجهه شد در ملازمت بودند که میرزا کامران متوجه شدند * حضرت پادشاه بحرم بیگم گفته فرستادند که کلین را بگوئید که بزودی زود لشکر و مردم بدخشان را سامان نموده فرستید و بیگم در اندک روز اندک فرصتی چند هزار کس را اسب و براق دادند و اهتمام و سامان نموده و بهمراه خود ناکونل آورده و از آنجا لشکر را پیش فرستادند — خود مراجعت نمودند و لشکر مذکور آمد بحضرت پادشاه ملحق شد * در چارکاران یا قراوغ میرزا کامران جنگ شد لشکر حضرت غالب آمد و فتح کردند و میرزا کامران را شکست دادند * میرزا کامران گریخته به تنگیها و لغانات رفت *

واق سلطان که داماد میرزا کامران بود گفته باشد که شما دایم بحضرت همایون پادشاه مخالفت پیش می آئید — چه معنی دارد؟ مناسب نیست — یا اطاعت و فرمان برداری حضرت بکنید یا مرا (78a) رخصت بدهید که مردم از مایان می دانند * میرزا کامران به آق سلطان درشتی کرده گفت که کار من بجای رسید که تو بمن نصیحت کنی * آق سلطان هم از روی درشتی گفت اگر من در پیش شما باشم حلال من حرام باشد * واق سلطان همان زمان جدا شد در بکهر رفت و بکوج خود همراه شد بود که فرمان میرزا کامران بشاه حسین میرزا رسید که آق سلطان مارا رنجانید رفته است * اگر در آنجا آمد باشد او را نگذراید که به زن خود همراه شود و کوچ او را ازو جدا سازید و او را بگوئید که هر جامیخواهی برو * بجزد رسیدن فرمان شاه حسین میرزا حایبه یکمرا از تصرف آق سلطان جدا ساخته و سلطان را بمکه معظمه رخصت کرده *

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کشته شدند *

و عایسه سلطان بیگم و دولت بخت آغاچه گریخته بجانب قندهار
میرفتند که از تکیهٔ حمار مردم پادشاهی گرفته آوردند (78b) و میرزا کامران
به افغانان همراه شد در میان افغانان می بوده *

و حضرت پادشاه گاه گاهی بدیدن باغ نارنج میرفتند * در آن سال
نیز بدستور سابق بدیدن نارنج در تنگیها رفتند و میرزا هندال در ملازمت
بودند و از حرمان بیگه بیگم و حمید بانو بیگم و ماه چوچک بیگم و غیره
اکثر حرمان همراه بودند * و پس من سعادت یار در آن روزها بیمار بود
بنابر آن من نتوانستم رفت * روزی در نواحی تنگیها حضرت پادشاه در شکار
بودند و میرزا هندال در ملازمت بود * بسیار شکار خوب بود * طرفی که
میرزا شکار رفته بودند حضرت هم آن طرف آمدند * میرزا شکار بسیاری
کردند * میرزا بدستور چنگیز خان همه شکار خود را بحضرت پیشکش کردند
که در توره چنگیز خان رسم چنین است که خوردان به بزرگان خود چنین
پیش می آیند * غرض همه شکارهای خود را پیشکش حضرت کرده * بعد
از آن به خاطر میرزا رسید که حصهٔ خواهران هم بماند (79a) باز خواهران
گله نکنند * پاره دیگر شکار بکنم که برای خواهران حصه ببرم * میرزا باز
بشکار مقید شد اند * بیکپاره شکار کرده برگشته می آمدند که میرزا کامران
کسی را تعیین کرده بودند آن کس سر راه را گرفته و میرزا ازین غافل
نیری زد و آن تیر به کنفِ مبارک ایشان رسید — از ملاحظه آنکه مبادا
خواهران من یا حرمان من شنید ببطاقتی بکنند * فی الحال نوشته فرساده
که — رسید بود بالائی ولی بخیر گذشت * شایان خاطرها خود را
جمع دارید که من بصحت و عافیت هستم * غرض هوا که گرم شد حضرت
برگشته بکابل آمدند و مدت یکسال گذشت زخم تیر بهتر شد *

بعد از یکسال خبر آمد که میرزا کامران باز جمعیت کرده استعداد
جنگ دارد * حضرت نیز سامان جنگ نموده متوجه تنگیها شدند و میرزا

هندال در ملازمتِ حضرت را می‌شدند * وقتی که به تنگیها بدولت و سعادَت رفته نزول اجلال فرمودند (791) و جاسوسان هر زمان هر ساعت خبر می‌آوردند که میرزا کامران قرار داده است امشب شبنون باید ریخت * میرزا هندال آمده بعرضِ حضرت رسانیدند و کنگایش دادند که حضرت درین بلندی باشند و برادرِ جلال الدین محمد اکبر پادشاه در ملازمت همراه باشند تا درین بلندی مردم با احتیاط چوکی بدهند — و خود مردم خود را طلبینِ بهر کدام علیحده علیحده دلداری و دلاسا کرده که — همه آن خدمتها بکطرف و خدمت امشب بکطرف انشا الله آنچه حسب المدعای شایانست بهمون روش سرافراز خواهید شد * همه را جابجا نشانده و برای خود جیبه جامه و طاقی و دیلغه طلبیدند * نوشکی بقیه را برداشته بود که شخصی عطسه زد * نوشکی بقیه را ساعتی نگاه داشت * چون معطل شد کسی را برای تاکید فرستادند * چون بناکید تمام آوردند خود پرسیدند که چرا معطل کردی؟ نوشکی عرض کرد که بقیه را برداشته بودم که شخصی عطسه زد — بنابر آن بقیه را باز ماندم و ازین (80a) سبب معطل شد * فرمودند که غلط کردی بگو انشا الله شهادتِ مبارک باشد — و باز گفتند — یاران همه گواه باشند که از جمیع چیزهای حرام و از افعال‌های ناشایسته توبه کردم * حاضران فاتحه خواندند و مبارك باد گفتند * فرمودند — نیچه جامه جیبه بیار * بوشین در پیش خندق رفتند و سپاهیان مردانگی و تسلی دادند * درین اثنا طبقی میرزا هندال آواز میرزا را که شنیدند فریاد برآورد که مرا به شمشیر گرفتند * میرزا بجزد شنیدن از اسب فروز آمده و بدو گفتند — یاران این از مردانگی دور است که طبقی ما را در نه شمشیر بگیرند و ما کومک نکنیم * و خود در خندق فرود آمدند و سپاهیان هیچکدام از اسب فرود نه آمدند و میرزا دوبار از خندق برآمدند و حمله‌ها کردند * در همان تردد شهید شدند *

نمیدانم که کدام ظالمی بی رحمی آن جوان کم آزار را به تیغ ظلم
بیجان کرده * کاشکی بدل و دیده آن یا بسعادت بار پسر من (80 b) یا
بخضر خواجه خان آن تیغ بی دریغ میرسید * آه صد آه افسوس و دریغ
هزار دریغ *

ای دریغا ای دریغا ای دریغ * آفتابم شد نهان در زیر میغ —
غرض که میرزا هندال در خدمت و دلسوزی حضرت جان سپاری
کرد * میر بابا دوست میرزا را برداشته در دولت خانه میرزا آورد و بهیچ
کس اظهار نکرد و بسا ولان آورده در دروازه نشاند و گفت — هر که بیاید
و پرسد بگوئید که زخم میرزا کاری است و حکیم حضر نیست که هیچکس
نه در آید *

و بعرض حضرت پادشاه آمده رسانید که میرزا هندال زخمی شده
اند * حضرت پادشاه اسپ طلبیدند که رفته میرزا را به بینم * میر عبدالحی
گفته که زخم ایشان کاریست و رفتن حضرت مناسب نیست * حضرت
فهمید اند و هر چند که خود را حفظ کردند نتوانستند و بیطاقتی نمودند *
جوساهی جاگیر خضر خواجه خان بود * حضرت خضر خواجه خان را
طلبید فرمودند که میرزا هندال را در جوساهی برده امانت نگاه دارید *
خان مهار شتر را گرفته بفریاد و فغان و جزع و فزع کرده می رفت (81 a)
که این خبر را حضرت پادشاه شنیدند بخضر خواجه گفته فرستادند که
صبر باید کرد — دل من از تو پشتر می سوزد اما از ملاحظه آن غنیم خونخوار
ظالم بیطاقتی نمی کنم و حال آنکه او نزدیکست غیر از صبر چاره نیست *
بصد افسوس و بیتچاره گی و درد برده در جوساهی امانت گذاشتند *

میرزا کامران ظالم برادرکش بیگانه پرور بی رحم اگر آن شب نمی آمد
این بالا از آسمان نازل نمی شد * حضرت پادشاه بکابل خطا نوشتند * بهجود
رسیدن این خطا بخواهران گویا تمامی کابل بماتم سرا مانند شد و در و دیوار

بر احوال میرزای سعید شهید گریه و فغان می کردند * و گلچهره بیگم در خانه فرا خان رفته بودند * وقتی که ایشان باز آمدند گویا قیامت شد قائم و از گریه و غم بسیار ایشان بیمار و جنونی شدند *

از بهادرئ میرزا کامران ظالم بی رحم میرزا هندال شهید شدند * از آن روز باز دیگر نشنیدیم که در کار و بار میرزا کامران رشدی شده باشد بلك روز بروز تنزل کرد و ابر و ضایع شد و بنوعی رو بخرابی (81b) آورد که دیگر دولت بمیرزا کامران یار نشد و کامرانی نکرد و گویا حیات میرزا کامران بلك روشنائی چشم میرزا کامران میرزا هندال بود که از همان شکست که گریخته راست رفت در پیش سلیم شاه پسر شیر خان * او یک هزار رویه داده و درین ضمن میرزا کامران عرض احوال نموده و کومک طلید * سلیم شاه در جواب میرزا بظاهر چیزی نگفت اما در مخفی گفته است که کسی که برادر خود میرزا هندال را بکشد به آن کومک چنوع توان داد * بلك همچو کسی را نا بود کردن و معدوم ساختن بهتر است * میرزا کامران این کنگایش سلیم خان را شنید و مردم خود هم کنگایش نکرد و شبی فرار را بر خود قرار داده گریخت و مردم میرزا خبر هم نداشتند * اینها ماندند * سلیم خان که خبر شد اکثر مردم میرزا را در بندخانه حکم کرده و میرزا کامران تا به بهیره و خوش آب رفته بود که در (82a) همان حدود آدم گهکهر بصد و حبله و مکر در قید آورده پیش حضرت پادشاه آورد *

عاقبت الامر جمیع خوانان و سلطانین و وصیع و شریف و صغیر و کبیر و سپاهی و رعیت و غیره که از دست میرزا کامران داغها داشتند در آن مجلس متفق سک بعرض حضرت پادشاه رسانیدند که در پادشاهی و تحکم رسم برادری منظور نمی باشد * اگر خاطر برادر میخواهید ترك پادشاهی بکنید و اگر پادشاهی میخواهید ترك برادری بکنید و این همان میرزا کامران است که از سبب او در ذشت قبیاق بسر مبارک ایشان چه نوع زخم رسیده

بود و به افغانان مکر و فریب داده یکی شده و متفق شده میرا هندال را کشت و اکثر چغتای از سبب میرزا نابود شده و اهل و عیال مردم به بند رفت و بی ناموس شد * دیگر محال نماند که عیال و اطفال مردم من بعد ناب بند و عذاب (82b) ندارند و دیگرها بر جهنم جان و مال و اهل و عیال مایان همه تصدق یکنار موی حضرت * این برادر نیست — این دشمن حضرت است * سخن مختصر که همه جمع شده به اتفاق بجد شده بعض رسانیدند که — رخنه گر ملک سرافکنده به * و حضرت پادشاه در جواب فرمودند که اگر چه این سخنان شایان ساطرنشان من می کند اما دل من نمی شود * همه فریاد بر آوردند و گفتند آنچه بعض رسانیده شده است عین مصلحت است * آخر الامر حضرت فرمودند که اگر مصلحت و رضامندی همه شمایان درین است پس همه شمایان جمع شوید و محضری نویسد * همه از یمین و یسار امرایان جمع شده نوشته دادند بهمان مصراع را — رخنه گر ملک سرافکنده به * بحضرت پادشاه هم ضرور شد * در نواحی رهناس که رسیدند به سید محمد حکم کردند که هر دو چشم میرزا کامران را میل کشند * در ساعت رفت و میل کشید * حضرت پادشاه بعد از میل کشیدن **

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* This line is quoted by Daulat Shah. Cf. Mr. E. G. Browne's ed. p. 537.

** The folio which follows in the MS. (83a and 83b) has been conjecturally placed after 73b.

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174 and n.; 175 and n.; 179, 180n., 183 and n.; 184,
190n., 197.

“Akbar Kaiser,” F. von Noer, trs. A. S. Beveridge, 94n..

Akbar-nāma, see Abū'l-faẓl.

Al-amān, son of Humāyūn, 14, 112n., 146n..

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Abū'n-nāṣir Muḥ., see Hindāl.

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103, 122, 131, 139, 143, 189, 204; ? 216 (*Bega*); 266.

Chaghatāi, moreover, reached India after Bābar's death.¹

The *Ṭabaqāt* states that Mahdī Khwāja had long been connected with Khalīfa; the latter was himself a sayyid.

Nizāmu-d-dīn calls Mahdī a *jūwan* and Mr. Erskine has accentuated all the faults and characteristics of youth in his version of the story. But Gul-badan calls Hindāl an uninjurious youth at thirty-three, and there seems good ground to read often in *jūwan* the notion of vigour and strength rather than exclusively of fewness of years. In 1530 Mahdī had served Bābar eleven known years.

Like many other such small problems, that of the family connections of Mahdī Khwāja and the other men of his name may be solved by some chance passage in a less known author, or by a closer consideration of the personages of the Memoirs.

Mems., 255, 303, 305-307, 338, 340-342, 344, 345, 349, 352, 363, 370, 371, 401, 426.²

Akbar-nāma, s.n., 'Āqil Sulṭān and Mahdī.

Khāfī Khān, *Bib. Ind.* ed., s.n..

Ḥabību-s-siyār, Khwānd-amīr, under date *cir.* 923H..

Cf. Index to this volume, s.n. Mahdī.

¹ The rough estimate of Mahdī *Chaghatāi*'s age is made as follows: Aiman was married to Ḥaidar Mīrzā's cousin in 923H. (1517). (*Tār. Rash.*, E. and R., 144, 352.) He had five sons by this wife. (l. c. 144 and 401). Of these Ma'sūd is named as the eldest. The rest are Khizr (Gul-badan's husband) Mahdī, Isān-daulat (Ḥabība's husband), and another. Khizr is inferentially the second son, but if Mahdī were the second, he could hardly have been born before 926H. (1520). This would make him about ten in 1530, but he may have been younger and the third son, as is indicated by the enumeration of Ḥaidar Mīrzā.

² At p. 424 Mr. Erskine has an entry of a Sayyid Mahdī who arrives from Guāliār in July, 1529. That this is a mis-reading for Mashhadī is shown by collation with other texts than his own.

Mahdī Khwāja, as Bābar invariably calls him after his first appearance, went to Hindūstān with Bābar and is frequently mentioned. It is significant of his high position and presumably not only by marriage but by birth, that on military duty he is always associated with men of royal blood, either Tīmūrid or Chaghataī. He is sometimes given precedence of them, and is never named last in a list of officers. Chīn-tīmūr *Chaghataī*, Muḥammad Sultān Mirzā *Bāyqarā*, Sultān Mirzā *Mīrān-shāhī*, and ‘Ādil Sultān are constantly associated with him. It seems clear that he was a great noble and ranked amongst the highest. Khāfī Khān calls him Sayyid Khwāja, and so does Khwānd-amīr. Whether the ‘Khwāja’ indicates anything as to his mother’s marriage I am not able to say.

Khāfī Khān (I. 42) has a passage which *may* relate to him: *Sultān Mirzā wa Mahdī Sultān vīnī a‘māmra* (of Bābar) *ki asīr-i-ān juma‘ būdand khalāṣ sakht*. The date of the occurrence is *cir.* 1511, the year in which another Mahdī, *i.e.*, *Uzbek*, was killed by Bābar. Mr. Erskine appears to think that the two men, named here as released, were Ḥamza and Mahdī Sultāns *Uzbek*, but the sources do not give the style of Mirzā to either of these chiefs. They appear to have had marriage connections with Bābar in an earlier generation, and a son of Mahdī seems to have been ‘Ādil Sultān (Mems., 363) who was father of ‘Āqil Sultān *Uzbek* (*Akbar-nāma*, I. 221).

A Mahdī Khwāja who was undoubtedly of Bābar’s family, appears both in the *Tārīkh-i-rashīdī* and in Gul-badan Begam’s *Humāyūn-nāma*. He is the son of Aiman, and grandson of Sultān Aḥmad Khān *Chaghataī*, Bābar’s mother’s brother. But his age places him out of the question; he was about ten in 1530, and the hero of Nizāmu-d-dīn’s story stroked his beard, and was either a *damād* or a *yazna*. Mahdī

concerning whom such attention could be attributed to the wise and experienced Khalifa?

Nizāmu-d-dīn calls Mahdī Bābar's *damād*, and Mr. Erskine, amongst other translators, has rendered this by son-in-law. It is unnecessary to consider why any Mahdī Khwāja known in history should have been preferred to those sons-in-law who were of Bābar's own blood, because Gul-badan calls Mahdī Bābar's *yaṣna*. For this word the dictionaries yield only the meaning of 'brother-in-law' and 'husband of the king's sister.' Both these meanings are also attributed to *damād*. But the *Ḥabīb* settles the verbal question by a statement that Mahdī Khwāja was the husband of Khān-zāda Begam, Bābar's full sister.

It is not improbable that he had another close link with the Emperor, namely that of relationship to Māham Begam, but I am not yet able to assert this definitely.

Bābar never mentions Mahdī Khwāja's parentage. This is learned from Khwānd-amīr who states that he was the son of Mūsa Khwāja and grandson of Murtaza Khwāja. He was a sayyid; and from the circumstance that his burial-place was chosen as that of Sayyid Abū'l-ma'ālī *Termizī*, it may be inferred that he belonged to the religious house of Termiz. If so, he had probably Timūrid blood in his veins, since inter-marriage between the families was frequent.

Bābar mentions a Khwāja Mūsa who is perhaps Mahdī's father, in 914H., 1508. He immediately afterwards names Khwāja Muḥammad 'Alī, Māham Begam's brother, in suggestive sequence.

Bābar's first surviving record of Mahdī is made in 925H. (February, 1519) when 'Mir Muḥammad Mahdī Khwāja' brings in a prisoner. It is in *cir.* 923H. (1517) that Khwānd-amīr speaks of the marriage of Mahdī and Khān-zāda, but this is probably a good deal after the fact, because Khān-zāda was returned to Bābar in 917H. (1511).

APPENDIX B.

Mahdī Khwāja.

Nizāmu-d-dīn Aḥmad has included in his *T̤abaqāt-i-akbarī* a story which he heard from his father Muḥammad Muqīm *Harāwī*, and of which the purport is that Bābar's *Khalīfa* (Nizāmu-d-dīn 'Alī *Barlās*) had at one time thought of placing a certain Mahdī Khwāja on the throne in succession to Bābar.

Two circumstances cast doubt on the story: (1) It was customary in Bābar's family for a son to succeed his father; (2) Bābar left four sons, the youngest of whom, Hindāl, was eleven years old.

Moreover, there were Tīmūrids both of the Bāyqrā and Mīrān-shāhī branches in India with Bābar whose claims to a Tīmūrīd throne would be strongly enforced.

But Nizāmu-d-dīn Aḥmad has left us the story in circumstantial detail and it cannot be passed over unnoticed, and this the less because Gul-badan Begam throws some light on the identity of the Mahdī concerned, and also because in an important particular, *i.e.*, the relation of Mahdī to Bābar, I am able, through Mr. Beveridge's study of the *Habību-s-siyār*, to give more accurate information than was at Mr. Erskine's disposal.

The story was old when Nizāmu-d-dīn set it down and it is not necessary to accept all its details as exact. It is sufficient to consider its minimum contents which are, that in the royal household there had been a rumour of a plan of supersession of Bābar's sons by Mahdī Khwāja at the instance of Khalifa.

The question naturally arises, who was the man

She was an' inferior wife of Sultān Husain Mirzā and the mother of Āyisha Begam. She predeceased her husband who died April, 1506.

CCIII. Zuhra Begī and Āghā Uzbek.

Ar. *zuhra*, beauty, a yellow flower, the star Venus.

An inferior wife of Sultān Maḥmūd Mirzā ; mother of Makhdūma-sultān Begam and of Sultān 'Alī Mirzā.

She was married during the lifetime of Maḥmūd's father, and therefore before Rajab 873H. (January, 1469), and was widowed Rabī II., 900H. (January, 1495). In 905H. (1499-1500) she entered into an intrigue with Shaibānī, a fellow-tribesman, of which the ultimate aim was dominance in Samarqand for her son 'Alī. A part of her scheme and offer was her own remarriage with Shaibānī. Bābar stigmatizes her action as 'stupidity and folly,' and says, further, 'the wretched and weak woman, for the sake of getting herself a husband, gave the family and honour of her son to the winds. Nor did Shaibānī Khān mind her a bit, or value her even so much as his other handmaids, concubines, or women. Sultān 'Alī Mirzā was confounded at the condition in which he now found himself, and deeply regretted the step he had taken. Several young cavaliers formed a plan for escaping with him, but he would not consent. As the hour of fate was at hand, he could not shun it. They put him to death in the meadow of Kulba. From his overanxiety to preserve this mortal and transitory life, he left a name of infamy behind him ; and, from following the suggestions of a woman, struck himself out of the list of those who have earned for themselves a glorious name. It is impossible to write any more of the transactions of such a personage (? Zuhra), and impossible to listen any further to the recital of such base and dastardly proceedings.'

however, is spoken of by her, and Zainab may be her personal name. Zainab had a daughter Ulugh Begam.

Gul-badan, 24b.

CCI. Zainab-sultān Begam.

There is a difficulty in identifying the begam of this name, whom Bābar mentions (Mems., 387) as coming to India. It will be seen by comparing the sources and their French and English interpretations :

MEMS., 387. 'another, by name Zainab-sultān Begam, the granddaughter of Bikeh Chichām.'

P. de C., II. 355. 'et la petite-fille de Yenga-Tchetcham, autrement dite Zeineb-sultān Begam.'

B. M. Or., 3714, Pers., p. 482. *dīgar nabīra yanga chichām ki Zainab-sultān Begam bāshad.*

Bodleian, Elliot, 19, f. 180a. *dīgar nabīra bega chichām ki Zainab-sultān Begam.*

Ilminsky, Turkī text, 447. *yana, yanga chichām ki Zainab-sultān Begam būlaghā'i nabīra sī kīlīb.*

It seems safer to take Zainab as the name of Bābar's relation (*i.e.*, the *yanga* of his *chicha*) than as that of the granddaughter (*nabīra*).

It may be observed here that the best authorities quoted above, *i.e.*, Ilminsky, behind whom is Kehr, and Or., 3714, have *yanga* where Mr. Erskine and Elliot, 19, have *bega*. This exchange may occur in the case of other *begas* of this appendix. Until a good Turkī text more complete than that in the B. M. is found, this must be left an open question.

If *Zainab* be taken as the name of the *yanga*, she may be identifiable with one of the other women already entered in the appendix, but for deciding this point more examples are necessary of Bābar's application of the word *yanga*.

Mems., 387.

CCII. Zobaida āghācha Jalāir.

• The marigold; Ar. *zubaida*.

Grand-daughter of Husain Shaikh Timūr of the Shaibān Sultāns. According to the *Ḥabibu-s-siyār*, she was a *Jalair*.

CXCVIII. Zainab-sultān Begam Mīrān-shāhī.(?) From Ar, *zain*, adorning.

Fifth daughter of Sultān Maḥmūd Mīrzā and Khān-zāda Begam (b.) *Termizī*; first cousin and wife of Bābar.

She was married at the instance of Qūt-liq-nigār, in the year of the capture of Kābul, *i.e.*, 910H. (1504-5), perhaps at the time that Jahāngīr Mīrzā, Bābar's half-brother, married her half-sister, Āq Begam. The marriage was not happy. Two or three years later Zainab died of small-pox.

Mems., 30.

CXCIX. Zainab-sultān Khānam Chaghataī Mughal.

(No. 19.)

Daughter of Sultān Maḥmūd Khān *Chaghataī Mughal*; favourite wife of Sultān Saʿīd Khān *Kāshgharī*, her first cousin; aunt of Shāh Muḥammad Sultān whom Muḥammadī *Barlās* put to death; mother of Ibrāhīm who was born 930H. (1524), Saʿīd's third son and favourite child, of Muḥsin, and of Maḥmūd Yūsuf.

On her husband's death in 939H. (July, 1533), she was banished by her stepson Rashīd, and went with her children to Kābul where she met Ulaidar Mīrzā and where she was under the protection of Kāmran.

Gul-badan mentions her in the guest-list, and places her name as present at the Mystic Feast (1531), but this can hardly be right. She could easily have been at the marriage festivities in 1537.

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 146, 375, 383, 467.

Gul-badan, 11a, 24b.

CC. Zainab-sultān Begam Mīrān-shāhī.

Gul-badan describes her as the paternal aunt or great-aunt (*'ama*) of Humāyūn. Bābar had no such sister, and no Zainab is mentioned by Gul-badan as a daughter of his grandfather Abū-saʿīd. An Āq Begam,

CXCV. Ūzūn-sultān Khānarn Chaghatāi Mughal-

(?) Pers. *auzūn*, or *ūzūn*, ample, increase.

Daughter of Shīr 'Alī Khān *Oghlan Chaghatāi*; sister of Wais Khān and Malkhdūma Khanām; paternal aunt of Yūnas Khān; wife of Amīr Sayyid 'Alī *Dughlāt*; mother of Muḥammad Ḥaidar *Dughlāt* and great-grandmother of Ḥaidar Mīrzā, the historian.

She was widowed in 862H. (1457-58), and then, in conjunction with her son, received Kāshghar and Yangī-ḥiṣār from her stepson, Sāniz.

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 64, 87, 88.

CXCVI. Yādgar-sultān Begam Mīrān-shāhī. (No. 8.)

Pers. *yādgār*, remembrance.

Daughter of 'Umar Shaikh *Mīrān-shāhī* and Āghā Sultān *āghācha*; half-sister of Bābar, and brought up by his grandmother, Isān-daulat. She was a posthumous child, and, if one may draw an inference from her example and others similar, is for this reason called Yādgar (Souvenir). Her father died Ramḡan 4th, 899H. (June 9th, 1494). When a child of not more than ten, and in 908H. (1503), she fell into the hands of 'Abdu-l-laṭīf *Uzbek*, after the conquest of Andijān and Akhsī by Shaibānī, and in 916H. (1511) Bābar's successes at Khutlān and Ḥiṣār enabled her to return to him and her own people.

I do not find any marriage mentioned for her by her name.

She is in the list of the guests at the Mystic Feast, and her mother is named (as such) as present at Hindāl's wedding festivities.

Mems., 10.

Gul-badan, 24*b*, 26*b*.

CXCVII. Yūn (Tarsūn)-sultān Mughal.

Ilminsky, 15, writes *Tarsūn*.

Inferior wife of 'Umar Shaikh, and married at the end of his life.

Mems., 14.

CXCI. Ulūḥ Begam. (No. 10.)

Daughter of Zainab Sultān Begam ; grand-daughter of Sultān Abū-sa'id ; first cousin of Bābar.

Gul-badan, 24b.

CXCII. Ulūs (Anūsh and Alūsh) āghā Turkomān. (? No. 53.)

Turkī, *ulūs*, tribe. Clearly a title.

Daughter of Khwāja Husain Beg *Turkomān* of the White Sheep, an amir of 'Umar Shaikh *Mīrān-shāhī* ; wife of 'Umar Shaikh ; mother of a girl who died in infancy. She was removed from the *ḥaram* a year or eighteen months after her marriage. Gul-badan mentions a begam of this name as at Hindāl's wedding-feast ; whether she is *Ulūs āghā* promoted, I have no means of knowing.

Mems., 14.

Gul-badan, 26a.

CXCIII. Ūmīd āghācha Andijānī.

Pers. *āmīd*, hope.

An inferior wife of 'Umar Shaikh *Mīrzā Mīrān-shāhī* whom she predeceased. She was the mother of Mihr-bānū who was two years older than Bābar and will have been born therefore in 1481 ; of Nāṣir who was born in 1487 ; and of Shahr-bānū who was born in 1491.

Mems., 10, 14.

CXCIV. Umm-kulṣūm Begam *Mīrān-shāhī*.

A surname of Fāṭima, daughter of Muḥammad ; Ar. *umm*, mother, and *kuṣūm*, plumpness.

Grand-daughter of Gul-badan Begam and a member of the Haj of 983H..

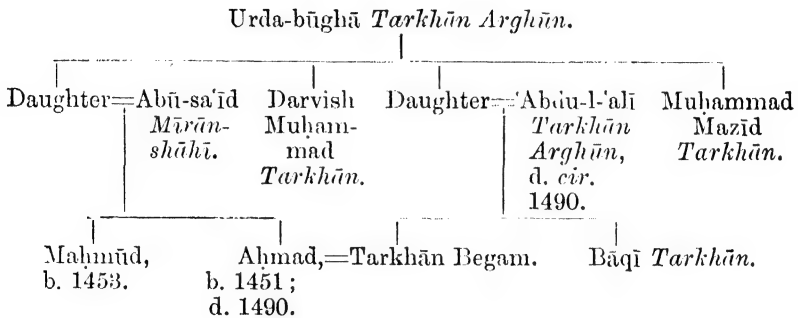
Akbar-nāma, III. 145.

CLXXXIX. Tarkhān Begam.

This is a title, and not a personal name.

In Bābar's time, according to Mr. Erskine (Mems., 24 n.), the ancient title of *Tarkhān* had come to belong to a particular family or clan. This may be well seen by consulting Professor Blochmann's *Āīn-i-akbarī*, 361, where the genealogical table of the Arghūns of Tatta shows the title to have become hereditary in their branch of the Arghūns.¹

The Tarkhān Begam whose name stands above this notice was linked with these Tarkhān Arghūns in the way shown below. She married her first cousin, Aḥmad *Mīrān-shāhī*, and Qūtūq Begam was her foster-sister.



Mems, 22, 24.

Āīn-i-akbarī, Blochmann, 361.

B. & H., I. and II. s.n. Sind, Arghūn, etc..

CXC. Tarkhān Begam and Bega.

Gul-badan, 75b.

(Tarsūn-sultān, Yūn, q.v.)

¹ Professor Blochmann (*l.c.*) states that 'Abdu-l-'alī and five sons were murdered by Shaibānī, but Bābar and the Sind historians give no support to the story. It looks as though by some clerical error the account of the murder of Sultān Mahmūd Khān and his sons had crept in here. Shaibānī drove Bāqī out of his late father's government of Bukhārā.

marriage to Awīq. Haidar Mirzā throws some light, and it seems that when Shaibānī had murdered her brother, Mahmūd Khān, Awīq left him and joined the Uzbek Qazāqs, his own people, and Sultān-nigār followed him into Mughalistān.

She had two daughters by Awīq, one of whom married 'Abdu-l-lāh *Qūchīn* and died a young wife, and the other married Rashīd Sultān *Chaghatāi*.

On Awīq's death, Sultān-nigār was married to his brother Qāsim, presumably in consonance with the Turkī custom of *yang-lik*.

With Qāsim's death, the khānship of the *Qazāqs* devolved on Sultān-nigār's stepson (*i.e.*, Awīq's by a co-wife) named Tāhir. 'He was,' says Haidar, 'very much attached to her, and even preferred her to the mother who had given him birth.'

What follows is full of colour and feeling. Nigār-sultān showed her appreciation of Tāhir's affection, but petitioned him, saying: 'Although you are (as) my child, and I neither think of nor desire any son but you, yet I wish you to take me to my nephew, Sultān Sa'id Khān. For I am grown old, and I have no longer the strength to bear this wandering life in the deserts of Uzbekistān. Take me where I may enjoy some quiet and repose.' She then offered to mediate for him and to obtain the support for him of the Mughal Khāqāns against his foes. Tāhir accordingly escorted her to the Mughalistān borders, and with her waited upon Sa'id. 'The latter, from love of his aunt, rose, saying that although his rising to receive Tāhir was contrary to the rules of Chingīz (their common ancestor), yet that he did it out of gratitude because Tāhir had brought his aunt.'

Sultān-nigār died of a hæmorrhage in the summer of 934H. (1528).

Mems., 13, 14, 20, 31, 99, 105.

Tār. Rash., E. & R, *s.n.*

wife 'Ayisha, third daughter of Sultān Aḥmad *Mīrān-shāhī*, had left Bābar shortly before that disaster. She might be Sultānam No. 2.

(3). Sultānam, or Sultānī, daughter of Sultān Aḥmad Mīrzā, was at the Mystic Feast in 1531. She is said to be the mother of Kilān Khān Begam. This title is not appropriate for the child of any of the marriages mentioned for No. 1 or No. 2. It is quite appropriate for the child of the marriage of Sultān Aḥmad and Qūtūq's firstborn daughter, Rabi'a-sultān, because Rabi'a married Sultān Maḥmūd Khān who was the Elder Khān (*kilān*) and also the Great Khān (*Khāqān*) of the Mughals. Shaibānī murdered five of Maḥmūd's six sons, but probably his girls escaped because of their value as wives.

The above notes make for the opinion that Sultānam is a title, and not a name. Cf. app. *s.n.* Māham.

Mems., 22.

Gul-badan, 24*b*.

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 164, 170, 193.

CLXXXVII. Sultānam. (No. 52.)

Wife of Nizāmu-d-dīn 'Alī *Khalīfa*.

Gul-badan, 14*a*, 14*b*, 26*a*, 50*a*.

CLXXXVIII. Sultān-nigār Khānam *Chaghatāi Mughal*.

Daughter of Yūnas Khān *Chaghatāi* and Shāh Begam *Badakhshī*; wife of Sultān Maḥmūd Mīrzā *Mīrān-shāhī*; mother of Sultān Wais (Khān Mīrzā); widowed in 900H. (January, 1495).

On Maḥmūd's death in Samarqand she joined her brothers in Tāshkand, going off 'without giving any notice of her intentions,' says Bābar. Later on she married Awīq (Adik) Sultān *Jūjī*, the chief of the *Uzbek Qazāqs*. Her story is somewhat confused in the Memoirs (13 and 14) by a double mention of her

CLXXXVI. Sultānam Begam *Mīrān-shāhī*. (No. 12.)

Daughter of Sultān Aḥmad Mīrzā.

A Sultānam of this parentage is mentioned by Bābar (Mems., 22), by Ḥaidar (E. & R., *s.n.*), and by Gulbadan (24b). These appear to be at least two, and perhaps are three women. Their record is as follows :

(1). Sultānam, fourth daughter of Sultān Aḥmad Mīrzā. (Mems., 22.) She was the child of Qūtūq (Katak) Begam. She married her cousin 'Alī, son of Maḥmūd Mīrzā. 'Alī was murdered by Shaibānī (*cf. s.n.* Zuhra) in 906H. (July, 1500), and his widow was taken to wife by Shaibānī's son, Muḥammad Tīmūr. A third marriage is mentioned by Bābar, viz., to Maḥdī Sultān. By this style the histories mention the Uzbek chief who was associated with Ḥamza (Khamza) Sultān. But this Maḥdī was put to death by Bābar in 1511, and Tīmūr was living in 1512 (918H.). Either Sultānam was divorced, perhaps to make marriage with some other kinswoman and later captive legal; or Maḥdī Sultān may be the father of 'Adil Sultān; or he may be Maḥdī Muḥammad Khwāja.

(2). Sultānam, daughter of Sultān Aḥmad Mīrzā, married Muḥammad Husain *Dughlāt* in the autumn of 1503. She was given to her husband by Khusrau Shāh who describes her as daughter of Sultān Aḥmad Mīrzā *wa pādshāh-zāda-i-man*, by which Mr. Ross has understood that she was of Khusrau's 'family.' There was a son, issue of this marriage and named 'Abdu-l-lāh.

It is difficult to regard No. 1 and No. 2 as one woman, both because of their marriage dates and of the circumstance that No. 1 was an Uzbek captive and No. 2 in Badakhshān. Bābar mentions no marriage of a Sultānam with Muḥammad Husain *Dughlāt*. A surmise—it is nothing more—has occurred to me, namely: No. 2 was married to the *Dughlāt mīrzā* shortly after the destruction of Tāshkend; Bābar's

Wais Mirzā, the son of Miāngī Bāyqrā Mirzā.' (Mems., 181.)

Barādar kilānash ba pīsar miāngī Bāyqrā Mirzā Sultān Wais Mirzā dāda būd. (*Waḡīāt-i-bābarī*, Persian text, B.M. Or. 16,623, 123b.)

Āghā sī Bāyqrā Mirzā nīnak ʔrtānehī oghalī Sultān Wais Mirzāgha chīqārīb aidī. (*Tūzūk-i-bābarī* or *Bābar-nāma*, Turkī text, B.M. Add. 26,324, f. 52b, and Ilminsky, 209.)

'Son frère aîné l'avait donnée en mariage à Sultān Wais Mirzā, fils cadet de Bāyqrā Mirzā.' (Pavet de Courteille, I. 375.)

Both the English and French versions make the elder brother of Sultānam give her in marriage. But she was an only child, and her father was living to act for her. The French version, here as in so many other places, appears to have relied upon Mr. Erskine. The Turkī text appears to yield something more probable, *i.e.*, 'His elder brother, Bāyqrā Mirzā's middle son, Sultān Wais Mirzā. . . .'

Mr. Erskine has read *miāngī* as part of Bāyqrā's name. Comparison with the Turkī makes appear as the more probable reading: 'the middle son'—*pīsar-i-miāngī*.

M. Pavet de Courteille's *fils cadet* lets slip the notion of *mīyān*. Redhouse gives for the *ʔrtānehī oghal* of the Turkī text, 'the middle son out of an odd number'—*e.g.*, the third out of five, the second of three, etc..

In the same passage the Memoirs have: 'Sultānam Begam set out along with her grandson. . . .' Here the Persian words *ba hamīn tārikh* (Turkī, *ushbū tārikh*) are omitted, with loss of precision, for they fix the date of her journey by conveying the information that it occurred at the time of her son's appointment to the government of Kanauj, *i.e.*, April, 1527.

Mems., 181, 190, 266.

Habībū-s-siyār, 327 *et seq.*

Also the places mentioned in the notice above.

CLXXXIV. Shāh-zāda Khānam' Mīrān-shāhī.

Daughter of Sulaimān Mīrzā *Mīrān-shāhī* and Hāram Begam. She was betrothed to Humāyūn in 958H. (1551), but the affair went no further.

Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, 1898, art. Lāyazīd *bīyāt*, H. Beveridge.

B. & H., II. 397.

Cf. appendix *s.n.* Hāram and Fāṭima.

CLXXXV. Sultānam Begam Bāyqarā.

For meaning of *Sultānam*, *cf.* app. *s.n.* Māham.

Daughter of Sultān Husain Mīrzā *Bāyqarā* and Chūlī Begam *Azāk*; her father's eldest girl and her mother's only child. She married, first, her cousin Wais, son of her father's elder brother Bāyqarā, and, secondly, 'Abd-*l*-bāqī Mīrzā *Mīrān-shāhī*. By her first marriage she had a son, Muḥammad Sultān Mīrzā, and a daughter who married Isān-qulī *Shaibānī*, younger brother of Yīlī-bārs Sultān. Through her son Muḥammad she was ancestress of those numerous rebel Bāyqarās whom history knows as 'the mīrzās.'

When the Uzbegs took Harāt in 1507 (913H.) she went to Khwārizm, and there her daughter was married. On April 12th, 1519 (Rabī' II. 12th, 925H.), Bābar records her arrival with her daughter in Kābul. He gave her the Garden of Retirement (*Bāgh-i-khilwat*) for her residence, and waited upon her with the ceremony due to an elder sister. He bowed and she bowed; he advanced, they embraced; and having established this form of greeting, they kept to it.

Sultānam started from Kābul for India in 1527 with a grandson (her sons had six sons), but she died at the Indus and her body was taken back to Kābul for burial.

There are curious discrepancies of the texts in the passage about Sultānam which occurs at Mem^c

The first point to note is contained in
'Her elder brother gave her in'

Yādgār-nāṣir Mirzā, in 1540 and after the *débaclé* in Hindūstān, for when Yādgār-nāṣir had fled from Sind to Kāmran in Qandahār (a traitor cast aside by his employer, Shāh Husain *Arghūn*), Kāmran sent ambassadors to Shāh Husain to request that the begam and her son might be returned to his charge. [Shahr-bānū was Kāmran's paternal (half)-aunt and full-aunt of Yādgār-nāṣir.]

She was at once started on her journey, but was insufficiently provided with necessaries for traversing the difficult desert tract which stretches towards the western mountain barrier of Sind. Numbers of her party perished before reaching Shāl (Quetta); and many died in that town from 'malignant fever.' Amongst its victims was Shahr-bānū, at the age of about fifty-one years.

Gul-badan, 24b.

Mems, 10.

Akbar-nāma, s.n..

B. & H., I. 526 and II. 253. (Here occur errors of statement, i.e., that Shahr-bānū was Yādgār-nāṣir's wife and Kāmran's sister.)

CLXXXII. Shāh Sultān Begam.

(?) Wife of Abū-sa'īd Mirzā *Mīrān-shāh*; mother of 'Umar Shaikh Mirzā.

The news of her death in Andijān reached Bābar in 907H. (1501).

Mems., 20, 99.

CLXXXIII. Shāh-zāda Begam and Sultānam Khānam *Safawī*.

The daughter of kings.

Sister of Shāh Tahmāsp of Persia. Her protection of the Emperor Humāyūn during his sojourn in Persia is named by many of the historians.

Gul-badan, 58a, 58b.

Kichal., she was the wife of Sharafu-d-dīn Husain.
(Cf. Kichak.)

She was at the Mystic Feast.

Gul-badan, 24b.

CLXXIX. Shāh Khānam. (No. 17.)

Daughter of Badī'u-l-jamāl Begam.

Gul-badan, 24b.

CLXXX. Shahr-bānū Begam *Mīrān-shāhī*.

(?) Ar. *shahr*, the moon, the new moon.

Daughter of Sultān Abū-sa'īd Mīrzā *Mīrān-shāhī* ; wife of Sultān Husain Mīrzā *Bāyqarā*, and married to him before his accession in 873H. (March, 1469).

Bābar gives an entertaining detail about her married life. Once at Chekmān her husband was engaged in a battle with her brother Maḥmūd. All his ladies except herself alighted from their litters and mounted on horseback, presumably for rapid flight if the day went against Husain. Shahr-bānū, however, 'relying on her brother,' remained in her litter. This being reported to her husband, he divorced her and married her younger sister, Pāyanda-sultān.

Of her subsequent history nothing seems recorded.
(Cf. *Mīnglī-bī āghācha*.)

Mems., 182.

CLXXXI. Shahr-bānū Begam *Mīrān-shāhī*. (No. 7.)

Third daughter of 'Umar Shaikh Mīrzā *Mīrān-shāhī* and Umīd *Andijānī* ; half-sister of Bābar and eight years his junior ; born *cir.* 1491 ; full-sister of Nāṣir and Mīhr-bānū ; wife of Junaid *Barlās* (brother of Nizāmu-d-dīn 'Alī *Khalīfa*) ; mother by him of Sanjar Mīrzā ; widowed *cir.* 944H. (1537-38).

She seems to have gone to Sind with her nephew,

honour; and that they spent some time in Kābul in the greatest ease and comfort.

Bābar's kindness fell on ungrateful ground, since in the following year, 912H. (1506-7), Shāh Begam fomented a rebellion against him in favour of her grandson, Mirzā Khān. Haidar says that during Bābar's absence in Harāt her motherly love (it was grandmotherly) began to burn in her heart, and persuaded her that Bābar was dead, and that room was thus made for Mirzā Khān. The story of Bābar's magnanimity to her when he had put down the rising she had stirred, is well known and is detailed in the histories.

In 913H. (1507-8) she laid claim to Badakhshān, saying that it had been her family's hereditary kingdom for 3,000 years; that though she, a woman, could not attain to sovereignty, her grandson would not be rejected. Bābar assented to her scheme, and she set off for Badakhshān, together with Mihr-nigār Khānam and Mirzā Khān.

The latter went on in advance to Qila'-zafar. The ladies and their escort were at once attacked and plundered by robber bands in the employ of the ruler of Kāshghar, Abā-bakr *Dughlāt*, and were by them conveyed to him in Kāshghar. They were placed in confinement, and 'in the prison of that wicked miscreant they departed from this perishable world' (cir. 913H.).

Mems., 12, 13, 22, 32, 60, 74, 99, 104, 105, 106, 169, 216, 217, 231.

Tār. Rash., E. & R., s.n..

CLXXVIII. Shāh Begam *Termizī*. (No. 24.)

Daughter of Fakhr-jahān Begam and of Mīr Alā'u-l-mulk *Termizī*. She may be 'Kichak' Begam, and if not, is her sister.

She was the mother of Dil-shād Begam. If she be

CLXXVII. Shāh Begam Badakhshī.

The princess of royal blood.

She was one of six daughters of Shāh Sultān Muḥammad, King of Badakhshān, the last of a long line of hereditary rulers of his country who claimed descent from Alexander of Macedon. Her mother was a sister of Sultān Sanjar *Barlās*.

She was given in marriage to Yūnas Khān *Chaghatāi* and was the mother of Maḥmūd and Aḥmad Khāns and of Sultān-nigār and Daulat Khānams. She was widowed in 892H. (1487), and survived Yūnas more than twenty years.

She dwelt in Mughalistān with her elder son, Maḥmūd, the then Khāqān of the Mughals, from the time of Yūnas' death until about 911H. (1505-6). Then 'base advisers provoked a quarrel between the mother and son—a son so obedient that he had never even mounted for a ride without her permission. . . . They [the base advisers] decided to send Shāh Begam to Shāhī Beg Khān to solicit a country for herself, because she found living in Mughalistān distasteful. . . . Now, as the Begam was a very sensible woman, she went under this pretext, and thus left her son before those base advisers could bring about an open rupture, which would have caused endless scandal and reproach to herself. The rumour was that she had gone to entreat Shāhī Beg Khān while she was really enjoying in Samarqand the company of her children.' (*Tār. Rash*, E. & R., 180.)

Shāhī Beg did not permit her to remain in Samarqand but banished her to Khurāsān. From Khurāsān she went with other connections and relations to Bābar in Kābul. They arrived early in 911H. (June, 1505), during the ceremonial mourning for Bābar's mother, Shāh Begam's stepdaughter. With Shāh Begam was Ḥaidar Mīrzā's father and also Bābar's aunt, Mihr-nigār. Ḥaidar says that Bābar gave the party a warm welcome and showed them all possible

of Muṣāhib Khān, son of Khwāja Kilān (Bābar's friend).

Aīn-i-akbarī, Blochmann, 421, 533.

CLXXIV. Sarv-qad and Sarv-i-sahī.

Straight as a cypress; Pers. *sarv*, a cypress, and *qad*, form, or *sahī*, erect.

Sarv-i-sahī, to use Gul-badan's word, was a singer and reciter. She belonged to the households both of Bābar and Humāyūn, and was subsequently married, with full *nisbat*, to Mu'nim Khān-i-khānān.

She acted as go-between of Mu'nim and Khān-i-zamān ('Alī Qulī *Uzbeg-i-shaibānī*) during the rebellion of the latter—probably in the tenth year of Akbar, and Bāyazīd calls her a reliable woman and the *ḥaram* of the Khān-i-khānān. She sang on the way to Lamghān by moonlight in 958H. (1551); she was with Mu'nim at the time of his death in Gaur (Ṣafar, 983H., 1575), and in Rajab of the same year accompanied Gul-badan to Makka.

Gul-badan, 82a (inserted in the translation after 73b).

Bāyazīd, I.O. MS., 122b, 147b.

Akbar-nāma, Bib. Ind. ed., III. 145.

CLXXV. Shād Begam Bāyqrā. (No. 28.)

Daughter of Haidar Bāyqrā and Bega Mirān-shāhī; wife of 'Adil Sultān.

Gul-badan, 25a.

Mems., 180.

CLXXV (a). Shād Bibī.

Wife of Humāyūn; lost at Chausa.

Gul-badan, 33b.

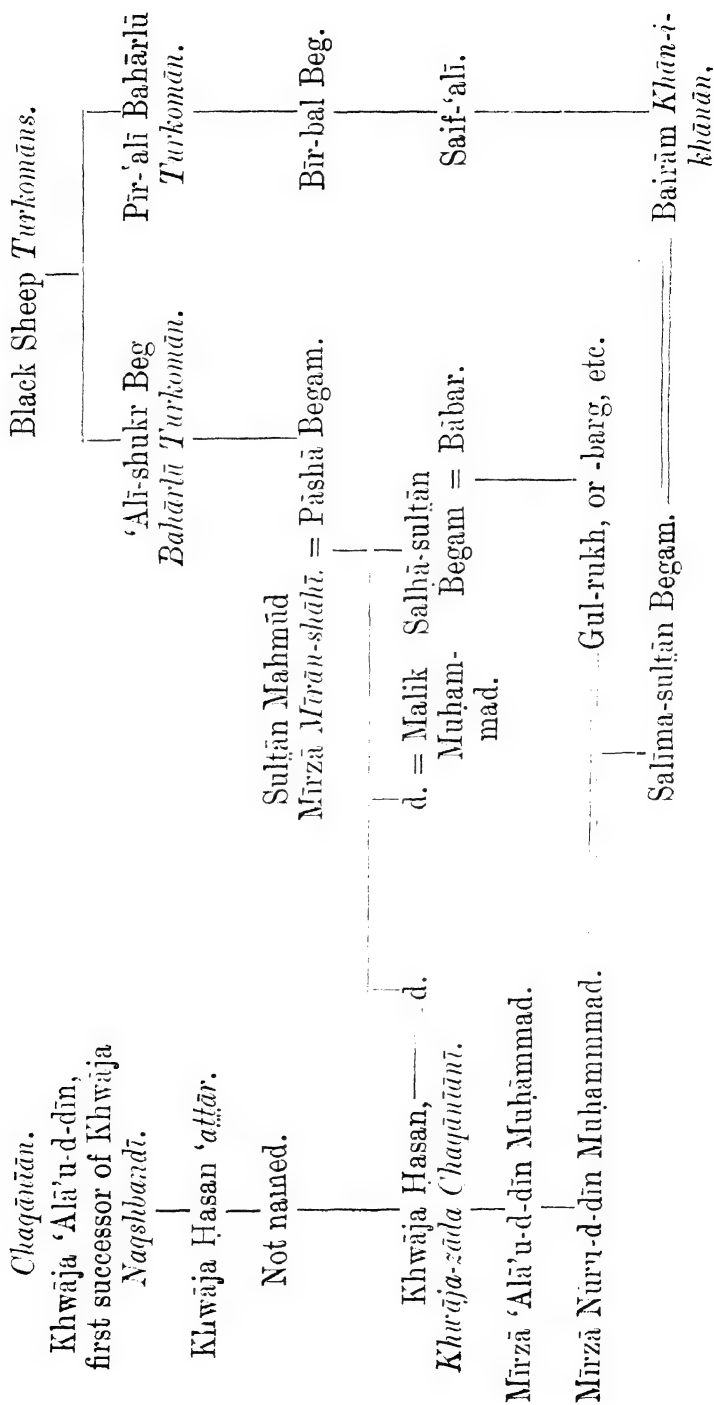
CLXXVI. Shāham āghā.

(?) My queen; from Pers. *shāh*, king, ruler.

Of the *ḥaram* of Humāyūn. She went with Gul-badan Begam to Makka in 983H..

Aīn-i-akbarī, Blochmann, 441.

GENEALOGICAL TABLE OF SALĪMA-SULTĀN *CHAQĀNĪĀNĪ*.



The genealogical table on the next page illustrates Salīma-sultān's descent, and the following dates bear also upon the topic :

Pāshā married Maḥmūd	873H.—1469.
Bayasanghar born	882H.—1477.
Maḥmūd died	900H.—Jan. 1495
Bābar married Zainab, d. of Maḥmūd ...	910H.—1504.
Zainab died	913H.-914H.—1507-8.
Sālḥa's child, the wife of Nūru-d-dīn, was not born in 911H.—1511, because she is not in the list of children who left Kābul with Bābar in that year. (Gul-badan, 7a.)	

CLXXI. Salīma Khānam *Chaghatāi Mughal*.

Daughter of Khizr Khwājā, but whether also of Gul-badan is not recorded.

She went with Gul-badan to Makka in 983H. (1575).

Āin-i-akbarī, Blochmann, 441.

CLXXII. Salīqa-sultān Begam (Āq Begam) *Mīrān-shāhī*.

(Ihmīnsky, 25, reads Sālḥa.) The princess of excellent disposition ; Ar. *salīqa*, of good disposition, and *sultān*, pre-eminence.

Daughter of Sultān Aḥmad Mīrzā *Mīrān-shāhī* and Qūtūq (Katak) Begam ; wife of her cousin Ma'sūd. The marriage was announced to Bābar in 900H. (1494) with gifts of gold and silver, almonds, and pistachios. She was captured by Abū-bakr *Daḡhlāt* with Shāh Begam and Mihr-nigār Khānam.

Mems., 22, 27.

CLXXIII. Sāmīḥa Begam *Barlās*.

The gentle princess ; Ar. *sāmīḥ*, gentle.

Daughter of Muḥibb 'Alī *Barlās* (son of Nizāmu-d-dīn 'Alī *Khalīfa*), and presumably of Nāhīd Begam ; mother of Mujāhid Khān.

Mujāhid¹ (who is named in the *Ṭabaqāt-i-akbarī* as commander of 1,000, but is not in the *Āin*) was a son

akbarī witnesses to the Hindūizing action to which Moslim custom and thought have submitted. Adult remarriage was no reproach to Islām in Salīma's day.

It does not, however, seem correct to accept Jahāngīr's statement that Salīma-sultān was sixty only at death. To have betrothed her as a baby and to have married her to a man of, at least, middle-age at five, is not in harmony with the Muḥammad custom of Humāyūn's day. Moreover, Jahāngīr himself speaks of her as married (*kad-khudā*) to Bairām. She is said by Abū'l-faẓl to have been betrothed (*nāmzād*) by Humāyūn, and married (*sipurdan*) by Akbar to Bairām Khān.

Badāyūnī's words indicate adult and not child marriage; *sābiqā dar ḥabāla-i-Bairām Khān Khān-i-khānān bād, b'ad azān dakhil-i-ḥaram-i-pādshāhī shūd.*

After the murder of Bairām in 968II. Salīma-sultān was married by Akbar. She was probably a few years his senior.

In 983II. she made her pilgrimage with Gul-badan. Particulars of the expedition are given in the Introduction to this volume.

Her name appears in the histories as a reader, a poet who wrote under the pseudonym of *makhfi*, and as pleading with Akbar for Salīm's forgiveness.

Her death is chronicled by Jahāngīr who heard of it on Zū'l-qa'da 2nd, 1021II. (December 15th, 1612). He gives particulars of her birth and descent, and of her marriages; and he states that she was sixty at the time of her death. By his orders her body was laid in a garden which she herself had made.

Jahāngīr praises her both for her natural qualities and her acquirements. She creates an impression of herself as a charming and cultivated woman.

Gul-badan, (?)26a.

Akbar-nāma s.n.

Badāyūnī, Lowe, 13, 216, 389.

Tūẓūkh-i-jahānīrī, Sayyid Ahmad, Aligarh, 113.

Khāfī Khān, *Bib Ind.* ed., I. 276.

Ā'in-i-akbarī, Blochmann, s.n..

Darbār-i-akbarī, 736.

marriage with Nūru-d-dīn could be a re-marriage of Gul-chihra who was widowed in 1533, and of whose remarriage nothing is recorded until her brief political alliance with 'Abbas *Uzbeg* in 1549. It is probable that she remarried in the interval.

To pass on to recorded incidents of Salīma-sultān's life :

There is an entry in Hindāl's guest-list which may indicate her presence.

She accompanied Hamīda-bānū and Gul-badan to Hindūstan in 964H. (1557), and she was married at Jalindhar shortly after Šafar 15th, 965H. (middle of December, 1557) to Bairām *Khān-i-khānān*. It is said that the marriage excited great interest at Court. It united two streams of descent from 'Alī-shukr Beg *Bahār-lū Turkomān*. Salīma-sultān was a Timūrid through Bābar, one of her grandfathers, and through Maḥmūd, one of her great-grandfathers.

A few words must be said about her age at the time of her marriage, because the question has been raised through Jahāngīr's statement that she died at the age of sixty in 1021H., and commented upon by the *Darbār-i-akbarī*. If Jahāngīr gives her age correctly she must have been born in 961H., and this would make her a child of five when she married Bairām, and needs her betrothal by her father to Bairām to date from babyhood.

The *Darbār-i-akbarī* says that it is clear from Jahāngīr's statement of her age at death that she was married to Bairām *cetate* 5, and that her memory is thus cleared from the reproach of two marriages !

Whatever is concealed in Jahāngīr's 'sixty,' nothing is said to indicate that he desired to bring Salīma-sultān into the circle of Hindū propriety. He may have had the wish; he was a Hindū mother's son. The comment of the modern author of the *Darbār-i-*

marriage of the eldest only. On the same page he tells of his marriage with Sālḥa's half-sister Zainab and of her death. The omission is remarkable and appears to have no good ground, since he chronicles his other Tīmūrid marriages. Of Pāshā's daughters it may be noted here that one married Malik Muḥammad *Mīrān-shāhī*, another Khwāja Ḥasan *Chaqānīnī*, and the third, Bābar.

It appears to me tolerably clear that Bābar's marriage with Sālḥa-sultān took place at a date which falls in a gap of the Memoirs, *i.e.*, from 1511 to 1519. This is the period which contains the exile from Kābul after the Mughal rebellion.

Not only does Bābar omit Sālḥa-sultān's name and his marriage with her (Mems., 30), but Gul-badan is also silent as to name, marriage and child of Sālḥa-sultān. This silence is in every way remarkable. She enumerates her father's children and gives their mothers' names, and she enumerates some of his wives in more places than one. From her lists a Tīmūrid wife cannot have escaped, and especially one whose child became the mother of Gul-badan's associate Salīma-sultān.

An explanation of Gul-badan's silence and also of a part of Bābar's has suggested itself to me; it is conjectural merely and hypothetical. The absence of mention of Sālḥa-sultān and of her child suggests that she appears under another name in Gul-badan's list of her father's children and their mothers. She may be Gul-badan's own mother, Dil-dār Begam without undue wresting of known circumstantial witness.

The principal difficulty in the way of this identification is Abū'l-faẓl's statement that Nūru-d-dīn's marriage was made by *Firdaus-makānī*, whereas Gul-badan states that her father arranged two Chaghatai marriages for her sisters.

If we might read *Jannat-āshyānī* (Humāyūn) for *Firdaus-makānī* much would fall into place; the

CLXIX. Sālḥa-sultān Begam Mīrān-shāhī.*Cf. Salīma-sultān Chaqānīānī.*CLXX. Salīma-sultān Begam Chaqānīānī.

Daughter of Mirzā Nūru-d-dīn Muḥammad *Chaqānīānī* and of a daughter of Bābar; as to whose name the sources ring changes upon the rose. She appears as Gul-rang (B. and H. *s.n.*), Gul-barg, Gul-rukh. As her mother was a full Turkomān or Turk by descent, it has occurred to me that she may have borne a Turkī name, and that the various forms it assumes in the Persian may have their origin in this.

As to her maternal parentage there are difficulties. From the *Ma'āsir-i-raḥīmī*, under 1024H., the following information is obtained. Pāshā Begam *Bakārlū Turkomān* married (873H., 1469) as her second husband, Sultān Maḥmūd Mirzā *Mīrān-shāhī*. By him she had three daughters and one son: Bayasanghar (b. 882H., 1477). One daughter whose name was Sālḥa-sultān Begam, married Bābar and bore him a daughter, Gul-rukh (*sic*). Gul-rukh married Nūru-d-dīn Muḥammad *Chaqānīānī*, and their daughter was Salīma-sultān Begam who married first, Bairām *Khān-i-khānān*, and secondly, the Emperor Akbar.

Abū'l-faḥl (*Bib. Ind.* ed., II. 65) adds the particular that *Firdaus-makānī* gave his daughter Gul-barg (*sic*), to Nūru-d-dīn because a daughter of Maḥmūd and Pāshā had been given to Nūru-d-dīn's grandfather Khwāja Ḥasan, known as Khwāja-zāda *Chaqānīānī*. He also states that Salīma-sultān Begam was the issue of Gul-barg's marriage.

In the Memoirs, as we have them, there is no mention of Sālḥa-sultān nor of Nūru-d-dīn's marriage with a daughter of Bābar. Yet Abū'l-faḥl states that *Firdaus-makānī* arranged Gul-barg's marriage. The first omission is the more remarkable because Bābar (*Mems.*, 30) states that Pāshā had three daughters. He does not give their names, and specifies the

jahān) lived 'unnoticed and rejected' with her after the death of Shīr-afkān.

Āin-i-akbarī, Blochmann, 309, 509.

CLXV. Ruqaiya-sultān Begam *Mīrān-shāhī*.

Daughter of 'Umar Shaikh *Mīrān-shāhī* and Makh-dūma-sultān Begam (*Qarā-gūz*). She was a posthumous child. She fell into the hands of Jānī Beg *Uzbek*, *cir.* 908-9H. (1502-4), and bore him 'two or three' sons who died young. 'I have just received information that she has gone to the mercy of God.' The date of this entry in the Memoirs is about 935H. (1528-9).

Mems., 10.

CLXVI. Sa'ādat-bakht (Begam Sultān) *Bāyqarā*.

Of happy fortune; Ar. *sa'ādat*, happy, and Pers. *bakht*, fortune.

Daughter of Sultān Husain Mīrzā *Bāyqarā* and Papa (Bābā) *āghācha*. She was married to Sultān Ma'sūd after the loss of his eyesight.

Mems., 182.

Habīb-u-s-siyār, 327 *et seq.*

CLXVII. Sāhib-daulat Begam *Dughlāt*.

The princess of good fortune; Ar. *sāhib*, enjoying, and *daulat*, fortune.

Sister of Mīr Jabār *Bardī Dughlāt*; wife of Sultān Aḥmad Khān *Chaghataī*; mother of Manṣūr, Bābājāk, Shāh Shaikh Muḥammad and Māham.

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 125, 344.

CLXVIII. Sakīna-bānū Begam *Mīrān-shāhī*.

The princess guardian of tranquillity; Ar. *sakīna*, tranquillity of mind, and Pers. *bānū*, keeper.

Daughter of Humāyūn and Māh-chūchal; wife of Shāh Ghāzī Khān, son of Naqīb Khān *Qazwīnī*, a personal friend of Akbar.

Gul-badan, 71a.

Blochmann, 435, 449.

sobriquet, and Rabī'a-sultān may be the personal name of Bedka. Perhaps the word *Bedka* is *Bega*.

The facts of Bedka's descent are as follows: she was a daughter of Mansūr Mirzā Bāyqarā and of Fīroza Begam Mīrān-shāhī, and thus doubly a Tīmūrid. She was full-sister of Bāyqarā and Husain Mirzās and of Āka Begam. She married Ahmad Khān Hājī Tarkhān, and had two sons whose names (if Bedka be Rabī'a-sultān) were Bābar and Murād and who married two of her nieces, Bega and Āghā.

Mems., 176, 177, 181.

Ilminsky, 203, 204, 208.

B.M. Turkī Add. 26,234, f. 48a and b; 53.

Other texts under 911H..

CLXII. Rabī'a-sultān Begam (Qarā-gūz) Mīrān-shāhī.

Daughter of Sultān Ahmad Mirzā Mīrān-shāhī and Qūtūq (Katak) āghācha (Begam); wife (1) of Sultān Maḥmūd Khān Chaghataī and mother of Bābā Sultān, and (2) of Jānī Beg Uzbek who married her after the murder of her father and her son by his cousin Shaibānī in 914H. (1508).

Mems., 22.

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 114, 116.

CLXIII. Rajab-sultān Mīrān-shāhī.

Ar. *rajab*, fearing, worshipping. *Sultān* may here be a title.

Daughter of Sultān Maḥmūd Mirzā and a concubine (*ghūncha-chī*).

Mems., 30.

CLXIV. Ruqaiya Begam Mīrān-shāhī.

Ruqaiya was the name of a daughter of Muḥammad, and conveys the notion of bewitching or of being armed against spells.

Daughter of Hindāl; first wife of Akbar; she died Jumāda I. 7th, 1035H. (January 19th, 1626), at the age of eighty-four. She had no children of her own, and she brought up Shāh-jahān. Mihru-n-nisā' (iNūr-

There is, however, this difference of statement. The Turkī texts write : *Bedka Begam ham mīrzā nīnak ākā-chī sī ādī*. P. de C. translates : *était aussi l'aînée du mīrzā*. The Persian texts have : *Bedka Begam ki khwāhar-i-khurd mīrzā būd*; and from this Mr. Erskine translates : . . . *the mīrzā's younger sister*.

The Turkī, it should be observed, uses of *Āka* precisely the same word as of *Bedka*, *ākā-chī sī*.

It may be right to regard *Bedka* as the younger of the two sisters of the *mīrzā*, and not as the sister younger than the *mīrzā*.

To pass now to what has led me to make a tentative identification of *Bedka* with *Rabī'a-sultān*.

The Memoirs (181) mention *Rabī'a-sultān* as the younger sister of the *mīrzā* (Husain) and as having two sons, *Bābar* and *Murād* who were given in marriage to two daughters of *Husain*.

The Turkī texts do not describe *Rabī'a-sultān* in any way, or say that she was *Husain's* sister. They simply mention the marriages.

The Persian texts say of *Husain's* two daughters (*Bega* and *Āghā*) : *ba pīsarān-i-khwāhar-i-khurd-i-khudrā Rabī'a-sultān Begam, Bābar Mīrzā wa Sultān Murād Mīrzā, dādā būdand*.

The Persian texts which state that *Rabī'a-sultān* was *Husain's* own sister, have greater authority than most translations can claim for such additional information as is here given, because the Persian translation of the *Tūzūk-i-bābarī* was made in a court circle and at a date when such additional statements were likely to be known to many living persons.

Husain may have had a younger and half-sister, but the words in the Persian texts which are used of *Rabī'a-sultān* are those used of *Bedka*, and they are more applicable to a full than a half sister.

The *Āka* of the passage in which *Bedka* is mentioned has no personal name recorded. *Bedka* may be a word of the same class as *āka*, i.e., a title or

digiously attached' to her. She drank wine; her co-wives were neglected from fear of her. At length her husband put her to death, and 'delivered himself from his reproach.'

Mems., 22.

CLIX. Qūt-liq (Qutluq) Khānam Chaghatāi Mughal.

(?) The image of happiness; from Turkī *qūlla*, happy, and *liq*, endowed with.

Daughter of Sultān Maḥmūd Khān *Chaghatāi*; wife of Jānī Beg Khān *Uzbek*.

Her marriage was a sequel of victory by Shaibānī over her father. Cf. 'Āyisha (her sister).

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 160, 251.

CLX. Qūt-liq-nigār Khānam Chaghatāi Mughal.

Second daughter of Yūnas Khān *Chaghatāi* and Isān-daulat *Qūchūn*; chief wife of 'Umar-shaikh *Mīrān-shāhī*; half-sister of Maḥmūd and Aḥmad Khāns; mother of Khān-zāda and Bābar.

She accompanied her son in most of his wars and expeditions, and lived to see him master of Kābul. She died in Muḥarram, 911H. (June, 1505).

Mems., 10, 11, 12, 30, 90, 94, 98, 99, 104, 105, 134, 169.
Gul-badan, 4a.

Tār. Rash., s.n..

Akbar-nāma, s.n..

CLXI. Rabī'a-sultān Begam Bāyqarā and Bedka Begam Bāyqarā.

These two names may indicate the same person.

The Memoirs (176 and 177) say that Sultān Husain Mīrzā *Bāyqarā* had two full-sisters, Āka and Bedka, and that Bedka married Aḥmad *Hūjī Tarkhān*, and had two sons who served Sultān Husain.

These statements are contained also in the Turkī texts (B.M. Add. 26,324, and Ilmīnsky), and also in a considerable number of good Persian texts in the British Museum and Bodleian.

CLV. Pāyanda-sultān Begam Mīrān-shāhī.

(?) Of fixed pre-eminence; Pers. *pāyanda*, firm, stable, and Ar. *sultān*, pre-eminence.

Daughter of Abū-saʿīd Sultān Mīrān-shāhī; paternal aunt of Bābar; wife of Sultān Husain Mīrān Bāyqarā; sister of Shahr-bānū whom Sultān Husain Mīrān divorced; mother of Haidar Mīrān Bāyqarā; of Āq, Kīchak, Bega, and Āghā Begams.

When the Uzbegs took Khurāsān, 913H. (1507-8), she went to ʿIrāq, where 'she died in distress.'

Mems., 30, 180, 181, 182, 204, 208 and n., 223.

Gul-badan, 25a (here a *Muḥammad* is inserted after Pāyanda in the name).

CLVI. Qadīr Khānam Qālmāq.

Daughter of Amāsānjī Taishī Qālmāq and Makh-dūma Khānam Chaghatāi.

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 91.

CLVII. Qarā-gūz Begam Bāyqarā.

The black-eyed princess. *Qarā-gūz* is a sobriquet, and I have not found her personal name.

Daughter of Sultān Husain Mīrān Bāyqarā and Pāyanda-sultān Begam Mīrān-shāhī; wife of Nāṣir Mīrān, Bābar's half-brother.

Mems., 181.

(*Qarā-gūz* Begam, Rabīʿa, *q.v.*)

(*Qarā-gūz* Begam, Makhdūma, *q.v.*)

CLVIII. Qūtūq āghācha and Begam.

Ilminsky writes *Qūtūq*; Mems., *Katak*.

Foster-sister of *Terkhān* Begam; wife of Sultān Aḥmad Mīrān Mīrān-shāhī; mother of four daughters: (1) Rabīʿa (*Qarā-gūz*), (2) Salīqa (Āq), ʿĀyisha (wife of Bābar, (4) Sultānam.

She was married 'for love,' and Aḥmad was 'pro-

Ma'sūm, Farrūkh Husain, Ibn Husain, Ibrāhīm Husain; of three daughters, Nizhād-sultān, Sa'adat-bakht, and a third whose name Bābar does not give.

Mems., 181, 182, 183.

CLIV. Pāshā Begam Bahārlū Turkmān of the Black Sheep.

(?) Turkī *Pāshā*, a lord, or Pers. *pecha*, chief, before. The *Ma'āsir-i-raḥīmī* writes *pāshā*.

Daughter of 'Alī-shakr Beg *Bahārlū*; wife (1) of Muḥammadī Mīrzā of the Black Sheep; (2) in 873H. (1468-69) of Sultān Maḥmūd Mīrzā *Mīrān-shāhī*; mother by Maḥmūd of three daughters and one son, Bayasanghar (born 882H.).

Bābar does not give the name of any one of the three girls, nor does he mention that one of them was a wife of his own. One married Malik Muḥammad Mīrzā *Mīrān-shāhī*. The *Ma'āsir-i-raḥīmī* supplies the information that another was Šālḥa-sultān Begam and that she had a daughter by Bābar whose name was Gul-rukh; that Gul-rukh married Nūru-d-dīn Muḥammad *Chaqānī*, and had by him Salīma-sultān Begam. Abū'l-faḥl says that a daughter of Pāshā by Sultān Maḥmūd Mīrzā was married to Khwāja Ḥasan *Khwāja-zāda*, and that on account of this connection *Firdaus-makānī* (Bābar) married Mīrzā Nūru-d-dīn to his own daughter, Gul-barg Begam, and that Salīma-sultān Begam was the issue of this marriage.

(There are difficulties connected with the account here given of Šālḥa which are set forth under the name of her daughter, Salīma-sultān.)

Pāshā Begam was of the same family as Bairām Khān. (Cf. genealogical table *s.n.* Salīma-sultān.)

Mems., 29, 30, 31, 72.

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 93 n.

Ma'āsir-i-raḥīmī, Asiatic Society of Bengal MS. in year 1024H..

CXLIX. Nār-gul āghācha. (No. 58.)

(?) Red as a rose, pomegranate-red. For *nār* see *infra*. Pers. *gul*, a rose.

She was perhaps one of two Circassian slaves, of whom Gul-nār may be the other and who were sent to Bābar by Tāhmāsp in 1526.

Mems., 347.

Gul-badan, 25*b*, 35*a*, 38*a*.

CL. Nār-sultān āghā. (No. 77.)

Presumably Pers. *nār*, a pomegranate; but it might be Ar. *nār*, advice, counsel, or even fire, and *sultān*, pre-eminence, a high degree of what is expressed by the first word of the compound name.

Gul-badan, 26*a*.

CLI. Nīgār āghā. (No. 76.)

Pers. *nīgār*, a mistress, a sweetheart.

Mother of Mughal Beg.

Gul-badan, 26*a*.

CLII. Nizhād-sultān Begam Bāyqarā.

The princess of highly distinguished race; Pers. *nizhād*, family, high-born; Ar. *sultān*, pre-eminence.

Eldest daughter of Sultān Husain Mīrzā Bāyqarā and Bābā āghācha; wife of Sikandar Mīrzā, son of Bāyqarā Mīrzā who was her father's elder brother.

Mems., 182.

Habūbu-s-siyār, 387 *et seq.*

CLIII. Pāpā (? Bābā) āghācha.

Mr. Erskine writes *Papa*, and Ilminsky, perhaps following him, *Pāpā*. *Bābā*—*i.e.*, darling—would seem a more fitting name for one who is said to have been much beloved.

She was a low-born wife of Sultān Husain Mīrzā Bāyqarā and foster-sister of Āfāq Begam. The mīrzā 'saw her and liked her,' and she became mother of seven of his children, *i.e.*, four sons, Muḥammad

She is occasionally spoken of simply as 'Khānam.'

Gul-badan, 62*b*.

Akbar-nāma, s.n..

Aīn-i-akbarī, Blochmann, s.n..

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 451.

Cf. Introduction.

CXLVII. Munauwar Sultān Begam *Bāyqarā*.

The illuminated princess; Ar. *munauwar*, bright illuminated.

Daughter of Sultān Husain Mirzā *Bāyqarā* and Bābē *āghācha*; wife of Sayyid Mirzā of Andekhud who appears also to have married her niece. She was famed for her beauty. The Memoirs and Ilminsky's text do not give her name, and I have found it in the *Habibu-s-siyār*. From this same work is derived the information that Sayyid Mirzā is a name given to a son of Ulugh Beg Mirzā *Mīrān-shāhī*.

Mems., 182.

Habibu-s-siyār, 327 *et seq.*

CXLVIII. Nāhīd Begam. (No. 54.)

Pers. *Nāhīd*, the name of the mother of Alexander; a name for the planet Venus, *etc.*

Daughter of Māh-chūchak *Arghūn* by her marriage as a captive of Bābar, with his foster-brother Qāsim; wife of Muhibb-'alī *Barlās*.

When her mother, resenting her position in a misalliance, ran away, Nāhīd, then eighteen months old, remained in Kābul.

When her mother was imprisoned in Sind by Muḥammad Bāqī *Tarkhān*, Nāhīd escaped to Bhakkar, and was protected, till her return to Akbar's court, by Sultān Maḥmūd *Bhakkarī* (975H.).

She was at Hindāl's wedding feast. Much of her story is contained in the Introduction of this volume.

Gul-badan, 4*a*, 26*a*.

Tārīkh-i-sind, Mīr Ma'sūm.

Bādshāh-nāma s.n. (fully used by Blochmann).

Aīn-i-akbarī, Blochmann, s.n..

B. & H., I. 348, 351, 352, 385.

A brother of Mubārik, named Mīr Jamāl, accompanied Bābar to Hindustān in 1525, and rose to high office under Humāyūn and Akbar. Hindāl had a favourite follower of this name who passed, on his death, into Akbar's service. He may well be the Yūsufzai.

Gul-badan, 8a, 25b, 30a, 35a, 38a, 73b.

Mems., 250, 250 n., 251.

Akbar-nāma, Bib. Ind. ed., I. 315.

Asiatic Quarterly Review, April, 1901, art. An Afghān Legend, II. Beveridge.

(Mughal Khānam, 'Ayisha, q.v.)

CXLIV. Muhibb-sultān.

The very loving khānam; Ar. *muhibb*, a lover, one who loves, and *sultān*, pre-eminence.

Daughter of Sultān Husain Mīrzā Bāyqarā and a 'handmaid' (*ghūncha-chī*).

Mems., 30.

CXLV. Muhibb-sultān Khānam Chaghatāi Mughal. (No. 20.)

Third daughter of Sultān Aḥmad Khān Chaghatāi; wife of Mīrzā Haidar Dughlāt.

Gul-badan, 11a, 24b.

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 161, 280,¹ 341.

CXLVI. Muhtarima Khānam Chaghatāi Mughal.

The honoured khānam; Ar. *muhtarim*, respected, honoured.

Daughter of Shāh Muḥammad Sultān Kāshgharī Chaghatāi, and Khadīja Sultān Chaghatāi; wife (1) of Kāmran, (2) of Ibrāhīm Mīrān-shāhī, the son of Sulaimān and Haram.

¹ There is some error here in the translation, as its statements do not agree with known facts.

Mīrān-shāhī who brought her when she herself married Sultān Husain, and presented her to him.

She was mother of three sons: Abū-tūrāl, Muḥammad Husain, and Farīdūn Husain; and of two daughters: Bairām (or Taryam) and Fātima.

Mems., 181, 182, 183.

Habību-s-siyār (lith. ed.), 327 *et seq.*

CXLII. Mīng-līq kūkaltāsh.

She escaped from Samarqand with Bābar's mother on its capture by Shaibānī in 907H. (1501).

Mems., 98.

CXLIII. Mubārīka Bibī; Afghānī āghācha. (No. 56.)

Ar. mubārīka, blessed, fortunate.

She was a daughter of Shāh Maṣṣūr *Yūsufzai*, and was married by Bābar at Kehrāj on January 30th, 1519 (Muḥarram 28th, 925H.). The alliance was the sign and seal of amity between him and her tribe. A charming account of her and her marriage is given in the *Tārīkh-i-ḥāfiẓ-i-raḥmat-khānī*, and Mr. Beveridge has translated it in full under the title 'An Afghān Legend,' so that it need not be reproduced here.

Gul-badan never gives the name Mubārīka (Blessed Damozel) as that of the Afghān lady (*Afghānī āghācha*) whom she so frequently and pleasantly mentions. Hafīẓ Muḥammad (*l.c.*) says that Mubārīka was much beloved by Bābar, and this is borne out by the fact that she was one of the small and select party of ladies who were the first to join him in India. She went there, it is safe to infer, with Māham and Gul-badan in 1529.

She bore no child, and this misfortune Hafīẓ Muḥammad attributes to the envy of other wives who administered drugs to deprive her of motherhood and weaken her husband's affection.

She died early in Akbar's reign.

the large family party which assembled there. (Mems. 99.) In 911H. (middle of 1505) she came to Kābul with other kinsfolk, soon after the death of her grandmother (Isān) and of her father, and during the ceremonial mourning of Bābar for his mother. 'Our grief broke out afresh,' he writes.

Mirzā Ḥaidar gives a pleasant account of the welcome she accorded her generous and kindly nephew Bābar in 912H. (1506-7), when he put down Khān Mīrzā's (Wais) rebellion in Kābul: 'The Emperor leapt up and embraced his beloved aunt with every manifestation of affection. The khānam said to him: "Your children, wives, and household are longing to see you. I give thanks that I have been permitted to see you again. Rise up and go to your family in the castle. I too am going thither."'

In 913H. (1507), when Khān Mīrzā set out for Badakhshān with his mother, Shāh Begam, to try his fortunes in her father's ancient lands, Mihr-nigār also 'took a fancy to go. It would have been better and more becoming,' writes Bābar, 'for her to remain with me. I was her nearest relation. But however much I dissuaded her, she continued obstinate and also set out for Badakhshān.

Mihr-nigār rued her self-will. She and Shāh Begam were captured on their way to Qila'-zafar by one of Abū-bakr *Dughlāt's* 'marauding bands,' and 'in the prisons of that wretched miscreant they departed from this perishable world.'

Mems., 12, 22, 99, 169, 232.

Tār. Rash., 86, 94, 117, 155, 196, 197, 200, 258.

CXLI. Mīnglī-bī āghācha Uzbek.

A low-born wife (*ghūncha-chī*) of Sultān Ḥusain Mīrzā *Bāyqarā*. The *Ḥabību-s-siyār* calls her a Turk and a purchased slave (*mamlūqa*) of Shahr-bānū Begam

she is very possibly a Chaghatāi on her mother's side (Umīd was an Andijānī), or the style is due to her marriage with a khān. She appears to have married a man of high rank; perhaps Kūchūm (*Qūch-kunji*) Khān who was Khāqān of his tribe from 1510 to 1530, or his son and successor (ruled from 1530 to 1533). She had a son Pulād whom Bābar mentions as fighting with 'Qūch-kunji' and his son Abū-sa'īd *Uzbek* at Jām (1528).

The Qūch-kunji was the tribe of Isān-daulat.

Kūchūm, Abū-sa'īd, Mihr-bānū, and Pulād sent ambassadors and messengers to Bābar in the same year, and Bābar mentions his return gifts with quaint particularity. The envoys were entertained at a feast by him on December 12th, 1528 (935H.).

Mems., 10, 390, 395, 397, 399.

Tār. Rash., E. & R., s.n. Kuchum and Sultān and 206 n..

Muhammadan Dynasties, Stanley Lane-Poole, 273.

CXXXIX. Mihr-jahān or -jān Begam *Mīrān-shāhī*.

Sun of the world or of life; Pers. *mihr*, sun, and *jahān*, world, or *jān*, life, soul.

Daughter of Bābar and Māham; born at Khost; died an infant.

Gul-badan, 6b.

CXL. Mihr-nigār Khānam *Chaghatāi Mughal*.

The image of affection, or a very sun.

Eldest daughter of Yūnas Khān *Chaghatāi* and Isān-daulat (*Qūchūn*, *Kunji*); born *cir.* 860H. (1455-56); wife of Sultān Aḥmad Mīrzā *Mīrān-shāhī*; first cousin of Bābar.

In 905H. (early in July, 1500) she was captured by Shaibānī and married by him. In 906H. (1500-1) she was divorced when he wished to marry Khān-zāda, her niece. She then stayed awhile in Samarqand. In 907H. (1501-2) she went to Tāshkand and joined

CXXXV. Maywa-jāl.

Fruit of life; Pers. *maywa*, fruit, and *jān*, life.

Daughter of Khazang *yasāwal* and a servant of Gul-badan Begam; an inferior wife of Humāyūn.

Gul-badan, 21*b*, 22*a*, 30*a*.

CXXXVI. Mihr-angez Begam. (No. 29.)

The princess who commands affection; Pers. *mihr*, affection, and *angez*, commanding, raising.

Daughter of Muzaffar Husain Mirzā *Bāyqarā*; granddaughter of Sulṭān Husain *Bāyqarā* and Khadija.

She was accomplished after the fashion of gentlemen-at-arms and she played polo.

She was married by 'Ubaidu-l-lāh *Uzbeq* when Harāt was taken by Shaibānī (913H., June, 1507).

She was at the Mystic Feast in 1531.

in, 2*b*. 25*b*.
siyār, 397 *et seq.*

mihr-bānū Begam *Mīrān-shāhī*. (? No. 27.)

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The beloved; Pers. *mihr*, affection, and *bānū*, possessing.

Daughter of 'Umar Shaikh *Mīrān-shāhī* and of Umīd *Andijānī*; full-sister of Nāṣir and Shahr-bānū; born *cir.* 886H. (1481-82).

Gul-badan mentions a Mihr-līq Begam (No. 27.) who was a paternal aunt of Humāyūn, as being at the Mystic Feast. This may be Mihr-bānū. No aunt named Mihr-līq is mentioned elsewhere, and *līq* and *bānū* have the same sense.

Gul-badan, 25*a*.
 Mems., 10.

CXXXVIII. Mihr-bānū Khānam.

I think she is a relative of Bābar, and she may be the daughter of 'Umar Shaikh and Umīd, and thus Bābar's half-sister. (See *infra*. From her title of Khānam,

CXXX. Makhdūma-sultān Begam.

Daughter of Sultān Maḥmūd Mirzā *Mirāp-shāhī* and Zuhra Begī *āghā Uzbek*; elder sister of Sultān Alī Mirzā. 'She is now in Dadakhshān.' (Mems., 30.) The 'now' may be in the late twenties of 1500, and she may have been with Mirzā Khān (Wais *Mirān-shāhī*).

Mems., 30.

CXXXI. Makhfī.

Hid, concealed.

This is the poetical name (*takhalluṣ*) of Salīma-sultān Begam *Chaqānīānī*, Nūr-jahān Begam, and Zibu-n-nisā', a daughter of Aurang-zīb.

CXXXII. Malika-jahān.

The world's queen; Ar. *malika*, queen, and Pers. *jahān*, world.

Elliot and Dawson, V. 81, 87, 88.

CXXXIII. Ma'sūma-sultān Begam *Mirān-shāhī*.

The very chaste princess; Ar. *ma'sūm*, chaste, innocent, and *sultān*, sway, pre-eminence.

Fifth and youngest daughter of Sultān Aḥmad Mirzā *Mirān-shāhī*. Her mother was Ḥabība-sultān Begam *Arghūn*. She married Bābar (her first cousin) in 913H. (1507), and from his account of the affair it was a love-match on both sides. She was half-sister of 'Āyisha, Bābar's first wife. She died in child-bed, and her infant received her name.

Gul-badan, 6b.

Mems., 22, 208, 225, 231, 429 Supplement.

CXXXIV. Ma'sūma-sultān Begam *Mirān-shāhī*. (No. 43.)

Daughter of Bābar and Ma'sūma; wife of Muḥammad-zamān Mirzā *Bāyqarā*.

Gul-badan, 6b, 23a, 25b, 29b.

Akbar-nāma, s.n.

Mems., 22, 395, 429 Supplement.

CXXVI. Makhdūma Begam (Qas'ā-gūz).

Wife of 'Umar Shaikh *Mīrān-shāhī*; mother of Ruqaiya, a posthumous child; she was married at the end of 'Umar's days; she was tenderly beloved, and to flatter him her descent was derived from his uncle, Manūchahr *Mīrān-shāhī*.

Mems., 10, 14.

CXXVII. Makhdūma-jahān.

The mistress of the world; Ar. *makhdūma*, mistress, and Pers. *jehān*, world.

Mother of Sultān Bahādūr *Gujrātī*.

B. & H., II. 96.

CXXVIII. Makhdūma Qāluchī.

A wife of Sa'id Khān *Chaghatāi*; a 'tribes-woman' mother of Rashīd; sister of Suqār *Bahādūr Qāluchī*.

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 140, 187, 309.

CXXIX. Makhdūma Khānam.

The Lady Khānam; Ar. *makhdūma*, lady, mistress.

Daughter of Shīr 'Alī Khān *Chaghatāi Mughal*; sister of Wais Khān; wife of Amāsānjī Taishī *Qālmāq*; mother of Qadīr, Ibrāhīm, and Ilyās.

Her marriage was a ransom for her brother Wais of whom it was commonly reported that he was routed sixty times by the *Qālmāqs*. On her marriage, Wais made Amāsānjī become a Musalmān, and Makhdūma continued the work of her husband's conversion and that of his tribe.

She named one of her daughters Karīm *Bardī* in affection and respect for the Dughlāt amīr of this name.

Mems., 409.

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 67, 91.

XXIII. Māh-chūchak Begam Arghūn.

Daughter of Shāh Ḥasan and Māh-chūchak Arghūn and her father's only child; wife of Kām'ān; married 953H. (1546). Her wifely fidelity is commemorated by the historians. She went with Kām'rān to Makka after his blinding, and attended him until his death, October 5th, 1557. She survived him seven months.

Tārīkh-i-sind, Mir Ma'jūm, in the account of Shāh Ḥasan's family.

CXXIV. Māh-chūchak Begam.

Sister of Bairām *Oghlān* and of Faridūn Khān *Kābulī*.

She married Humāyūn in 1546. She had two sons, Muḥamrad Hakīm (born 960H.—1553) and Farrūkh-fāl. Gul-badan says she had four daughters and then, with discrepancy frequently found in her writings, names three: Bakht-nisā', Sakīna-bānū, and Amīna-bānū. The name of the best-known of her girls, Fakhru-n-nisā', is omitted.

Māh-chūchak's story is told by her sister-in-law, in the Introduction of this volume, by Mr. Blochmann and by several Persian writers.

She was murdered by Shāh Abū'l-ma'ālī in Kābul in 1564.

Gul-badan, 71*a*, 71*b*, 73*b*, 78*b*, 83*a*.

Jauhar, Mr. William Irvine's MS., Part II., Chapter II.

Bāyazīd, I.O. MS., 72*a*.

Nizāmu-d-dīn Aḥmad, 27th year of Akbar.

Badāyūnī, Lowe, 54 *et seq.*

Āin-i-akbarī, Blochmann, *s.n.*

CXXV. Makhdūma āghā. (No. 59.)

The Lady *āghā*; Ar. *makhḍūma*, lady, mistress.
Wife of Hindū Beg.

Gul-badan, 26*a*.

CXXI. Māh-chachaq *Khalīfa*.

She is mentioned by Bāyazīd as interceding for him with Hā mīda-bānū. She may be a servant (*khalīfa*).

J. R. A. S., October, 1898, art. Bāyazīd *bīyāt*, II. Beveridge p. 16.

CXXII. Māh-chūchak Begam *Arghūn*, *Hājī* Begam.

The word *chūchak* presents difficulties. Ilminsky writes *chūchūq*; Bāyazīd, *chachaq*; Gul-bādan, *chūchak* and *jūj k*; the Memoirs, *chuchak*. Mr. Blochmann and Mr. Lowe transliterate, *jūjak*. There is a Turkī word *jūjūq*, but its meaning of sweet-savoured is less appropriate for a woman's name than a word which, spite of vowel variation it seems safer to take from the Persian; viz. *chachak*, a rose, and *chachak*, *chuchuk*, a lovely cheek, a mole.

Daughter of Mīrzā Muḥammad Muqīm *Arghūn* and of Bībī Zarīf *Khātūn*; wife (1) of Bābar's *kūkaltāsh* Qāsim; (2) of Shāh Ḥasan *Arghūn* of Sind (died 963H.); (3) of 'Īsā *Tarkhān Arghūn* of Tatta and Sind.

By Qāsim, she was mother of Nāhīd Begam and by Shāh Ḥasan of his only child, Chūchak or Māh-chūchak, Kāmran's wife.

She had an interesting story which Mr. Erskine tells at length. (B. & H., I. 348 *et seq.*)

On the death of 'Īsā (975H.) his son and successor, Muḥammad Bāqī *Tarkhān*, who was a madman, ill-treated Māh-chūchak and Nāhīd who was then visiting her. This led to a plot against him, but in the end Māh-chūchak was imprisoned by him and starved to death. (*Cf. s.n. Nāhīd.*)

Mems., 233.

B. & H., I. 348 *et seq.*

Tārīkh-i-sind, Mīr Ma'sūm, in the account of Shāh Ḥasan's family.

Aīn-i-akbarī, Blochmann, 420.

Ilminsky, 273.

Bābar married Māham in Harāt when he visited that city after Sultān Husain Mirzā's death, and in 912H. (1506). Humāyūn was born on March 6, 1508 (Zū'l-qa'da 4th, 913H.). Four other children were born to her, and all died in infancy. They were Bār-bul, Mihr-jahān, Isān-daulat and Fārūq.

The events of her career are detailed in the Introduction to this volume and in Gul-badan Begam's book.

Mems., 250, 405, 412, 423, 428 n..

Gul-badan, 4a, 6b, 7a, 8b, 11b, 13b, 14b, 16a, 16b, 17a, 18b, 21a and b, 22a and b, 23a and b, 24b.

Akbar-nāma, Bib. Ind. ed., and H. Beveridge, s.n. Māham and Māham 'Alī Qulī Khān.

Turkistān, Schuyler, 95 ff..

CXVIII. Māham Kābulī. (No. 81.)

At Hindāl's marriage feast.

Gul-badan, 26a.

CXIX. Māham Khānam Chaghatāi Mughal.

Second daughter of Sultān Aḥmad Khān *Chaghatāi* and full-sister of Maṣṣūr Khān. Their mother was Ṣaḥib-daulat *Dughlāt*, sister of Mīr Jabār *Bardī Dughlāt*. Māham married Builāsh Khān *Uzbek Kazāk*, son of Awīq.

Ḥaidar Mirzā names her as a hostage given, with her mother, by her brother Maṣṣūr to his half-brother Sa'īd at a time of their meeting in 1516. She had two other full-brothers, Bābājāk and Shāh Shaikh Muḥammad.

Tār. Rash., N. E. & R., 160, 344.

CXX. Māh Begam Qibchāq Mughal.

The moon princess; Pers. *māh*, moon.

Daughter of Sultān Wais *Qibchāq Mughal* and sister of Ḥaram Begam; wife of Kāmran Mirzā.

Gul badan, 64b.

of Kāmīrān; and Bega (*Hāṭi*) Begam is the daughter of Uncle Yādgār.

Amongst these eight Begchiks I do not find one named Uncle Muhammad 'Alī, and there is a good deal to lead one to regard a certain Khwāja Muḥammad 'Alī *ṭaghāi* as being Māham's brother.

He was associated with Khost, and it is on record that Humāyūn visited his maternal grandparents (*nanahā*) in Khost. The Begchiks do not seem to have been connected with Khost. Bābar speaks frequently of Khwāja Muḥammad 'Alī as being employed in the government of Khost (925H.); as coming from Khost for orders, etc., and the *mīr-zādas* of Khost also are recorded as visiting the court. One of Māham's children was born in Khost.

Bābar frequently mentions an 'Abdu-l-malūk *Khostī*, and he may be a connection of Māham. He, however, appears as *Khostī*, *Khwastī*, *Qastī*, *qūrchī*, *Qūrchūn*, and without a more complete good Turkī text no opinion can be formed as to his identity.

Gul-badan says that *Ākā* (Māham) was related to the owners of the New Year's Garden in Kābul, and this was made by Ulugh Beg *Kābulī Mīrān-shāhī*.

Abū'l-faẓl says Māham was of a noble Khurāsān family, related to Sulṭān Husain Mīrzā (*Bāyqarā*), and, like Hamīda-bānū Begam, was of the line of Shaikh Aḥmad *Jāmī* (*az dūdman-i-a'yān wa ashraf-i-Khurāsān and, wa ba Sulṭān Husain Mīrzā nisbat-i-khwesh dārand*). Perhaps *nisbat-i-khwesh* implies blood-relationship on the father's side.

Gul-badan speaks of Māham's Mughal servants, but a Chaghataī, a Begchik, a Qūchīn is also a Mughal, and Bābar often sinks the divisional tribe-name in the general one, Mughal (*e.g.*, Mems. 9 and 21).

Some considerations suggest that Māham was a *Dughlāt Mughla'*, and of the family of 'Abdu-l-qadūs, but no valid opinion can be formed until a text as good as the Elphinstone is available for guidance.

CXVII. Māham Begam : *ākā* and *ākām*, (lady and my lady).

The word Māham is explained by Mr. Erskine (who did not know Gul-badan's book) as Bābar's name of endearment for his favourite wife, and as meaning 'my moon.' Mr. Schuyler also translates it by the same words. He says that a woman who was shot for political offences in Bukhārā was known as 'My moon (Māham) of Keninghez.'

But many Māhams are chronicled, and not only Bābar gives the name to Humāyūn's mother; Gul-badan speaks frequently of 'my lady who was Māham Begam,' and Māham seems to be her personal name. It is used at least once as a man's. (*Akbar-nāma*, I. 320, Māham 'Alī Qulī Khān.)

Whether māham is to be classed with sultānam, khānam, begam, shāham, I am unable to say.

Sir Douglas Forsyth (*Mission to Yarkand*, 84) translates khānam and begam by *my lord* and *my chief*. But neither is a domestic word; both are in common use in the sources to designate, for general readers, the wives or daughters of khāns and begs, or princes. Sultānam also is a common title, and from Gul-badan's use of it does not appear to be a personal name, but to answer to sultān as khānam to khān, etc..

Against reading khānam as *my lady*, with a sense of possession or admission of superiority (as is done by Sir Douglas Forsyth), there are the Turkī words formed from it, viz., *khānam-alī*, honeysuckle, and *khānam-būjakī*, ladybird. Shāham, which has the appearance of being formed from shāh like the others by the suffix *am* or *im*, is used both for man and woman. Shīram occurs as a man's name.

Māham was a wife of whom it was said that she was to Bābar what 'Āyisha was to Muḥammad, and she was Humāyūn's mother. Gul-badan mentions her often, yet no one of the numerous sources I have consulted, sets down her family or the name of her father.

At one time it appeared to me probable that she was a Begchik Mughal, because Bābar calls Yādgār *Begchik*, *ṭaghāi* when speaking of him in connection with Humāyūn. Further consideration led to the abandonment of the theory.

Uncle Yādgār, Uncle 'Alī, and Uncle Ibrāhīm (*Chappūk*, slashed-face) are named as being three of the eight brothers or half-brothers of Gul-rukh, the mother

CXIII. Latīfa-sultān āghācha.

Of pre-eminent delicacy or gentleness ; Ar. *latīfa*, delicate, and a jest, and Ar. *sultān*, sway.

Chār-shambihī, a Wednesday wife, of Sultān Husain Mīrzā *Bāyqarā* ; mother of Abū'l-ḥasan and of Muḥammad Muḥsin (*kepek*, round-shouldered).

The *Ḥabību-s-siyār* says she was a relation of Jahān-shāh (? *Turkomān* or *Barlās*). She was dead before 912H. (1506).

Mems., 179, 183.

CXIV. Latīf Begam Duladāi Barlās.

Grand-daughter of Aḥmad Hājī Beg ; wife (1) of Sultān Aḥmad Mīrzā *Mīrān-shāhī* ; (2) of Ḥamza Sultān *Uzbek*, and by him mother of three sons who fell into Bābar's hands at Iḥṣār, and were released by him.

Both her grandfather Aḥmad and his paternal uncle, Janī Beg *Duladāi*, were amīrs of her first husband.

Mems., 23.

CXV. Māh-afroz Begam.

The princess who outshines the moon ; Pers. *māh*, moon, and *afroz*, dazzling, illuminating.

She was a wife of Kāmran and mother of *Ḥājī* Begam. Two of Kāmran's wives are not known by their personal names, Hazāra Begam and the daughter of Uncle 'Alī Mīrzā *Begchik*. Māh-afroz may be one of these.

Gul-badan, 64b.

CXVI. Māham anaga.

Nurse of Akbar ; wife of Nadīm *kūka* ; mother of Bāqī and Adham *kūkas*. Cf. Bābū *āghā*. Much of her story is given in the Introduction to this volume.

She went to Hindūstān with her mother, and was at Hindāl's wedding feast.

Mems., without names. (Cf. Fakhr-jahān and Shāh Begam.)
Gul-badan, 25a.

Akbar-nāma (lith. ed.), s.n..

Ain-i-akbarī, Blochmann, 322.

CIX. Kīchak māham. (No. 80.)

Cf. s.n. Māham for meaning of the word.

She is named as at Hindāl's wedding.

Gul-badan, 26b.

CX. Kilān Khān Begam.

This is clearly not a personal name. Pers. *kilān*, elder, great, and Turkī *khān*, a title.

Daughter of Sultānam Begam *Mīrān-shāhī* and grand-daughter of Sultān Aḥmad Mirzā. Which of Sultānam's three husbands was Kilān Khān Begam's father is not said; from her daughter's title, Timūr Sultān *Uzbek* seems most probable.

Mems., 22.

Gul-badan, 24b.

CXI. Lād-malik Turkomān.

(?) Mistress of the Fort; Pers. *lād*, fortress, and Ar. *malik*, possessor, ruler.

Wife of (1) Tāj Khān *Sarangkhānī* and (2) of Shīr Khān *Sūr* (935H., 1528-29).

B. & H., II. 131, 132, and authorities there cited by Mr. Erskine.

CXII. Lāl-shād Khānam Chaghatāī Mughal.

Perhaps, with a lip like the gleam of a ruby; Pers. *lāl*, ruby, and *shād*, gleam, happy.

Eldest daughter of Sultān Aḥmad Khān *Chaghatāī* and of a 'slave' (*amm-i-wald*).

'Although she was outside the circle of distinction, she was finally married to Muḥammad Amīr Mirzā *Dughlāt*.'

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 161.

CV. Khūb-nigār Khānam Chaghataī Mughal.

The image of beauty. Here *khānam* has its full value, since Khūb-nigār was daughter of the *Khāqān*, the Khān emphatically.

Third daughter of Yūnas Khān *Chaghataī* and Isān-daulat *Qūchūn*; wife of Muḥammad Husain *Dughlāt Hīṣārī*; mother of Haidar and Habiba.¹ She was a year older than her husband, and was married in 899H. (1493-94). Bābar, writing in 907H. (1501-2) mentions the reception of news of her death. Her husband was murdered in 914H..

Mems., 12, 99, 218.

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 117, 118, 153, 156, 197.

CVI. Khurshed kūkī. (Nos. 55 and 61.)

Pers., the sun, sunshine.

Gul-badan, 26a.

CVII. Kichak Begam Bāyqrā.

The small princess; Turkī, *kīchak*, small. The name is probably a sobriquet.

Daughter of Sultān Husain Mirzā *Bāyqrā* and Pāyanda-sultān Begam *Mīrān-shāhī*; wife of Maulānā Khwāja who was of the family of Sayyid Atā one of her father's best vazīrs.

Khwānd-amīr reverses her marriage with that of her sister Bega, and makes her marry Bābar, son of Rabi'a.

Mems., 181.

Habibu-s-siyār, 327 *et seq.*

CVIII. Kichak Begam Termizī. (No. 23.)

Daughter of Mir 'Alā'u-l-mulk *Termizī* and Fakhr-jahān *Mīrān-shāhī*; wife of Khwāja Mu'in *Ahrārī*; mother of Mīrzā Sharafu-d-dīn Husain.

¹ The translation of the *Tārīkh-i-rashīdī* (E. & R., 159) has the statement that Khūb-nigār bore six sons (*farzandān*), and that two died at the breast and four survived. I believe it should read 'six children, of whom four died at the breast, and two survived her.'

her in conformity with the custom of *yanga-lik*.
(Cf. Jamāl āghā.)

Mems., 30.

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 330.

CI. Khān-zāda Begam *Termizī*.

Of the family of the Khāns of Termiz; wife of Sultān Aḥmad Mirzā *Mīrān-shāhī*. She was a bride when Bābar was five, *i.e.*, in 893H. (1488) but, according to Turkī custom, was still veiled. Sultān Aḥmad desired Bābar to pluck off the veil and run away, a little ceremony which it was supposed would bring him good luck when his time for marriage should come.

Mems., 23.

CII. Khān-zāda Begam *Termizī* (a.).

Daughter of the chief (*mīr-i-buẓurg*) of Termiz; wife of Sultān Maḥmūd Mirzā *Mīrān-shāhī*; mother of Sultān Mas'ūd Mirzā. She died apparently early in her married life. The mīrzā was greatly afflicted at her death.

Mems., 29, 30.

CIII. Khān-zāda Begam *Termizī* (b.).

Daughter of a brother of Khānzāda *Termizī* (a.); grand-daughter of the chief of Termiz; wife of Sultān Maḥmūd Mirzā *Mīrān-shāhī*; mother of Husain (who died, aged thirteen, before his father) and of five girls, Khānzāda, Bega, Aq, Āī, and Zainab.

Mems., 29, 30, 38, 128.

CIV. Khān-zāda Khānam.

'Épouse légitime' of Muẓaffar Mirzā *Bayqrā*, and illegally taken by Shaibānī.

Mems., 224.

Pavet de Courteille, II., 10.

Khān-zāda's son by Shaibānī, Khurram-shāh, died a young man. Shaibānī divorced her because she leaned to her brother's side in disputed matters. He then gave her in marriage to a certain Sayyid Hada, who fell in the battle of Merv with Shaibānī himself (1510).

In 1511 and at the age of thirty-three, she was returned to Bābar by Shāh Ismā'īl. At what date she married Mahdī Muḥammad Khwāja I am not able to say. It is probable that the marriage would take place within no long time after her return. As Mahdī is never described by Bābar in any way (as is his custom when a new actor comes upon the scene of his Memoirs), it is probable that Mahdī's joining Bābar and his marriage with Khān-zāda took place in the decade 1509-19, of which no record is known to survive.¹ Mahdī was with Bābar in 1519 (925H.), and is frequently mentioned subsequently.

There are many references to Khān-zāda by Gul-badan who frequently calls her Dearest Lady (*āka-janām*). She died at Qabal-chak in 1545 (952H.), aged about sixty-seven years, and after a life full of sorrows and chagrins.

Gul-badan, 3*b*, 15*b*, 18*b*, 23*b*, 24*b*, 27*b*, 28*b*, 50*b*, 62*b*, 63*a*.
Mems., 10, 98, 241 (Supplement).

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 117, 155, 175, 196, 239, 400.

Habību-s-siyār, under date 923H.

Khāfi Khān, I. 33 (here Khāna-zāda).

C. Khān-zāda Begam *Mīrān-shāhī*.

Daughter of Sultān Maḥmūd *Mīrān-shāhī* and Khān-zāda *Termizī* II.; wife (1) of Abā-bakr *Dughlāt*, and mother by him of (?) Jahāngīr, Turāngīr, and Būstāngīr; (2) of Sayyid Muḥammad *Dughlāt* who married

¹ There are some indications that a record of this decade once existed.

Mas'ūd's attachment. Moreover, this presumably persisted with his wish to marry Kīchak.

Did he marry Kīchak, and was she divorced after his blinding or at some other time, and then was Sa'ādat-bakht given to him?

Mems., 181, 182, 387.
Gul-badan, 24*b*.

XCIX. Khān-zāda Begām Mīrān-shāhī.

Daughter of 'Umar Shaikh Mīrzā *Mīrān-shāhī* and of Qūt-liq-nigār Khānam; full-sister of Bābar and five years his senior. Eldest of her father's daughters. She is recorded as thrice married: first, to Shaibānī in 1501 (907H.); secondly, to a man of inferior rank, Sayyid Hada; and, thirdly, to Mahdī Muḥammad Khwāja,¹ son of Mūsa Khwāja. One child of hers is recorded, Shaibānī's son, Khurram-shāh Sulṭān.

She was born *circa* 1478 (883H.). This is known from the statement of her brother that she was five years his senior. In 1501 (907H.) she was married by Shaibānī when he captured Samarqand from Bābar. Gul-badan makes the marriage a condition of Shaibānī's peace with Bābar; Haidar says she was given in exchange for Bābar's life, and Khāfī Khān, as a ransom (*ba tarīq-i-fāida*). She was in Shaibānī's power and could have been married without consent of Bābar. As in 1501 she was twenty-three years old, she had almost certainly been married before, possibly to Mahdī. Her marriage arrangements with Shaibānī might include the divorce which the Musalmān law requires. Bābar does not go into details as to the marriage; he says she fell into Shaibānī's hands. Presumably as himself of Tīmūrid birth, Shaibānī would treat a Tīmūrid woman with respectful forms even when she was spoil of battle. To marry Khān-zāda, he divorced her maternal aunt, Mihr-nigār *Chaghataī*.

¹ Cf. Appendix B., Mahdī Khwāja.

She was a woman of life-long piety and devotion to good works. Perhaps for this reason her brother who seems to have been an incarnation of unjust cruelty, treated her with studied barbarity, as a consequence of which she died in torture and suffering.

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 88, 258.

XCVIII. Khān-zāda Begam Bāyqarā. (No. 16.)

The khān-born princess; Turkī *khān*, and Pers. *zāda*, born.

Gul-badan says she is a daughter of Sultān Mas'ūd Mirzā *Mīrān-shāhī*, and through a daughter grandchild of Pāyanda Muḥammad (*sic*) Sultān Begam, paternal great-aunt of Humāyūn. Bābar names no such marriage of a daughter of Pāyanda. 'The second of the daughters [of Pāyanda] was Kīchak Begam [whose name is probably a sobriquet]. Sultān Mas'ūd Mirzā was extremely attached to her, but whatever efforts he made, Pāyanda-sultān Begam, having an aversion to him, would not consent to the match. She was *afterwards*' (Turkī *sūngra*, P. de C. *dans la suite*) 'married to Mullā Khwāja.'

A daughter of Husain Bāyqarā and of Bābā *āghācha*, whose name was Sa'adat-bakht and title Begam Sultān, was married to Mas'ūd after his blinding. Her daughter might be fitly described as of inferior rank to the great begams. Such a description is given by Bābar of 'Khān-zāda, daughter of Sultān Mas'ūd Mirzā.' Husain and Pāyanda's daughter would certainly rank as equal in birth to the daughters of Abū-sa'id, since she was a full Timūrid.

The 'extreme attachment' of Mas'ūd to Kīchak fits Musalmān marriage better than Musalmān courtship. It may be that, spite of Pāyanda's opposition, Mas'ūd married Kīchak. The 'afterwards' of the Memoirs (*supra*) and the *de la suite* of Pavet de Courteille seem to demand some more definite antecedent than

Muharram 5th, 935H. (September 20th, 1528), but various business detained her and Bābar paid her another of his dutiful visits on October 9th. When or if she returned to Kābul is not said, but she was at the Mystic Feast in Āgra in 1531.

Gul-badan, 11a, 24b.

Mems., 374, 382, 387.

XCIV. Khāl-dār *anaga*.

The nurse with a mole; *khāl-dār*, mole-marked.

Mother of Sa'adat-yār kūka.

Akbar-nāma, Bib. Ind. e l., I. 44.

XCV. Khānam Begam. (No. 18.)

Daughter of Āq Begam; grand-daughter of Abū-sa'id Mīrān-shāhī. The 'Khānam' may indicate that she is a Chaghatai chief's child.

Gul-badan, 24b.

(Khānam, Muhtarima, *q.v.*)

XCVI. Khānish āghā Khwārizmī.

Daughter of Jājūq Mīrzā Khwārizmī; wife of Humāyūn; mother of Ibrāhīm who died as an infant. Bāyazīd calls her child Muḥammad Farrūkh-fāl, but Gul-badan and Abū'l-faẓl are against him. Farrūkh-fāl was the child of Māh-chūchak. Ibrāhīm was born on the same day as Muḥammad Ḥakīm, *i.e.*, Jumāda I. 15th, 960H. (April 19th, 1553).

Gul-badan, 71a, 71b, (?) 73b.

Bāyazīd (I. O. MS. 72a), *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, October, 1898, art. Bāyazīd *bīyāt*, H. Beveridge, p. 14.

Akbar-nāma, Bib. Ind. ed., I. 331.

XCVII. Khān Sultān Khānam and Sultānam Dughlāt.

Both these names appear to be titles, and not personal.

Daughter of Saniz Mīrzā Dughlāt and Jamāl āghā; full-sister of Abā-bakr.

XCII. Khadija-sultān Begam *Chaghatāi Mughal*.

Fourth daughter of Sultān Aḥmad Khān *Chaghatāi*. After her father's death in 909H. (1503-4), Mirzā Abū-bakr *Dughlāt* took possession of his capital, Aksu, in Farghāna, and with it of Khadija-sultān, then a child. He however, says Mirzā Haidar, treated her kindly and when she was of age, he gave her in marriage to his son Jahāngīr who was her second cousin. She accompanied her husband to her full-brother Sa'id's court, shortly after 920H. (1514), and while in Kāshghar, Jahāngīr was murdered by an unknown hand, in Yaṅgī-ḥiṣār. She then remained, respected and honoured, in her brother Sa'id's family circle. In 923H. (1517) she was married to Shāh Muḥammad Sultān *Chaghatāi*, a grandson of Sultān Maḥmūd Khān, through Muḥammad, the only son of Maḥmūd who survived the massacre of sultāns by Shaibānī. The marriage of one of Khadija's brothers, Aiman, was celebrated at the same time.

When Rashīd succeeded his father Sa'id, in Kāshghar (939H.—July, 1533) Khadija was badly treated by him. She was then ill and confined to bed, but Rashīd banished her and her children and made her start on the weary journey for Badakhshān. She died on the road after much hardship of travel. She left four children, Ismā'il, Ishāq, Ya'qūb, and Muḥtarima. They went on to Kābul, and were there received with fatherly kindness by their uncle, Isān-tīmūr.

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 161, 329, 352, 382, 451.

XCIII. Khadija-sultān Begam *Mīrān-shāhī*. (No. 6.)

Daughter of Sultān Abū-sa'id Mirzā *Mīrān-shāhī* and paternal aunt of Bābar. I have not ascertained the name of her husband. She went to India in 934H. (1527), arriving in November, with Fakhr-jahān and their children. She planned to return with her sister and Bābar took leave of them both on

XCI. Khadija Begam.

Presumably she was named after Muḥammad's first wife.

She was first a slave¹ of Sultān Abū-ʿaʿīd Mīrzā, and upon his death in 873H. (1469) she betook herself to Harāt and there became the wife of Sultān Ḥusain *Bāyqārā*.

She had a daughter, known as Āq Begam, by Abū-ṣaʿīd, and two sons, Shāh Gharīb and Muẓaffar Ḥusain; by her marriage with Ḥusain.

Hers is an instance where the conferring of a title is mentioned. Bābar says that Ḥusain was passionately fond of her and that he raised her to the rank of begam; also that she managed him entirely. To her are attributed the intrigues and rebellion which ruined Ḥusain's family. She acquired more influence than any other of his wives, and it was consequently round her surviving son Muẓaffar Ḥusain, that adherents gathered after his father's death. She forced on the joint-kingship which excited Bābar's ridicule. Mīrzā Ḥaidar when speaking of the death of Jahāngīr *Mīrān-shāhī*, said that he was generally reported to have been poisoned in his wine by Khadija Begam after her old fashion.

In 912H. (1506-7) Bābar saw her in Harāt, and he was there unlawfully entertained by her at a wine-party. When Shaibānī conquered the city in 913H. she was cast down from her high estate and given up to be plundered, and was treated as one of Shaibānī's meanest slaves.

Mems., 179, 182, 183, 198, 204, 223.
Tār. Rash., E. & R., 196, 199.

¹ Turkī text (Ihninsky), *ghuncha-chī*, which Redhouse translates a seller of rosebuds and a young and good-looking female slave. The Persian text has the same word *ghuncha-chī*. The interest of these details is the light they may cast on the use of such words as *āghā* and *āghācha*.

Desert-born and of a tribe which clamoured against settled life, she yet had a garden-house at Andijān. She married a half-sister of Bābar, Yādgār, daughter of Aghā āghācha.

Mems., 10, 12, 16, 27, 58, 59, 100, 111, 169.

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 86, 94, 175, 197, 308.

B. & H., *s.n.*.

LXXXVIII. Jahān-sultān Begam.

The world-ruling princess; Pers. *jahān*, world, and Ar. *sultān*, sway.

Probably a child of Humāyūn. She died in Kābul, aged two, in 954H. (1547).

Gul-badan, 70a.

LXXXIX. Jamāl āghā.

Grace; Ar. *jamāl*, grace, beauty.

Wife (1) of Sanīz Mīrzā *Dughlāt*, and by him mother of 'Umar and Abā-bakr and Jān (or Khān)-sultān Khānam.

(2) of Dost-muḥammad *Chaghatāi* in 869 H.

(3) of Muḥammad Haidar *Dughlāt*, and by him mother of Muḥammad Husain Mīrzā *Hiṣārī* (Haidar's father) and Sayyid Muḥammad Mīrzā.

Her third marriage was made by the Mughal custom of *yanga-lik*, i.e., marriage by a younger brother of an elder brother's widow. (Cf. Khān-zāda *Mīrān-shāhī*.)

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 88, 89, 99, 102, 104.

XC. Jān-sultān Begam. (No. 32.)

The soul-ruling princess; Pers. *jān*, life, soul, and Ar. *sultān*, sway.

She was at the Mystic Feast in 1531.

Gul-badan, 25b.

(Jūlī Begam, *Chūlī*, *q.v.*)

'Alī-dost, took leading parts in Bāhar's affairs. Her chief co-wife was Shāh Begam *Badakhshī*.

She shared the vicissitudes of her remarkable husband's remarkable career for some thirty years; nursed him through two years of paralytic helplessness till his death in 892H. (1487) at the age of seventy-four, and survived him about eighteen years.

Four times at least she fell into the hands of an enemy :

(1) In Kāshghar, *cir.* 860H. (1455-56), when Mihr-nigār was an infant at the breast and when she was returned in safety to her husband.

(2) In Tāshkand in 877H. (1472-73), when Yūnas had gone to buy barley at a time of dearth in Mughal-istān. It was then that there occurred the well-known episode which shows Isān-daulat's high spirit and decision of character and which is briefly narrated in the Introduction (p. 68). She was returned with honour to her husband.

(3) In Andijān in 903H. (1497-98), when the town was taken from her grandson Bābar by his kinsfolk. She was sent after him in safety to Khojand, and from there went on to the protection of her third daughter's home in Kāshghar.

(4) At Samarqand in 906H. (1500-1), when the town was taken by Shaibānī. She remained behind when Bābar left the place, and rejoined him in a few months with his 'family, heavy baggage, and a few lean and hungry followers.'

In the eighth year of her widowhood (900H.) she was guiding Bābar's affairs with decision and sense in Andijān. He says that few women equalled her for sagacity, far-sight and good judgment, and that many important affairs were carried out by her counsel.

News of her death reached Bābar in Kābul early in 911H. (June, 1505), during the forty days' mourning for his mother.

Two slight records of her remain for mention.

struggles for supremacy of Humāyūn and Kāmran. She married Kāmran.

Gul-lidan, 64b.

LXXXVI. Husn-nigār Khānam Chaghatāi Mughal.

The image of beauty; Ar. *husn*, beauty, and Pers. *nigār*, image.

Daughter of Isān-būghā *Chaghatāi* and niece of Yūnas Khān; sister of Dost-muḥammad and wife of Abā-bakr *Dughlāt Mughal*.

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 89, 99.

LXXXVII. Isān-daulat Khānam and Begam Qūchīn Mughal.

Her name takes several forms. The *Bābar-nāma*, Turkī text (B.M. Or. Add. 26,324), has a clearly pointed *Ishūn*; Ilminsky has *Isān passim*. An early Persian MS. (B.M. Or. 3,714) has *Isān* and *Isan*.

The Memoirs have *Isan* in all but two instances (p. 12), where *Ais* is used. But Mr. Erskine's Persian text (B.M. Add. 26,200), which is presumably his authority, can (I venture to think, after comparing the words he renders *Ais* with those he renders *Isan*) yield *Isan* in all places. Where he reads *Ais* (pp. 10 and 141) the *nūn* is not dotted; the letters closely correspond with those where it is dotted, and where he reads *Isan*.

The *Tārīkh-i-rashīdī* (B.M. Or. 157) writes *Isān*. The weight of authority is in favour of *Isān*.

Isān-daulat was Bābar's maternal grandmother and a daughter of Mīr Shīr-'alī Beg *Qūchīn* (*Kunjī*), chief of the Sagharīchī *tumān* (10,000) of the Qūchīn Mughals.

She married Yūnas Khān *Chaghatāi Mughal* when he was forty-one years old. He was born in 818H. (1415-16), so that the date of her marriage is, approximately, 1456. At this time Yūnas was made Great Khān of the Mughals.

Isān-daulat bore three daughters, who were named Mīhr-nigār, Qūt-liq-nigār, and Khūb-nigār. She had many brothers, of whom three, Shīram, Mazīd, and

LXXXIV. Ḥaram Begam Qibchāq Mughal.

Princess of the *Ḥaram*. Her name has been transliterated by some European workers as *Kharram*, 'blossoming, cheerful,' and this seems the more probable name to bestow on a child. But some of the Persian texts support *Ḥaram*, and the editors of the *Bib. Ind. Akbar-nāma* have adopted it. Gul-badan has *Ḥaram*.

Ḥaram Begam may be a sobriquet bestowed after the revelation of the facts of the bearer's character and dominance.

Daughter of Sultān Wais *Kulābī Qibchāq Mughal*; and sister of Chakr 'Alī and Ḥaidar Begs and of Māh Begam, a wife of Kāmran. She married Sulaimān Mirzā *Mīrān-shāhī*, son of Khān Mirzā (Wais). She had one son, Ibrāhīm (Abū'l-qāsim), and several daughters. Her children, through Shāh Begam *Badakhshī*, their paternal ancestress, claimed descent from Alexander the Great.

Most of the incidents of her career are given in the Introduction to this book, and her remarkable character is exhibited there. *Badāyunī* calls her *Walī-nī'amat*, and says she was known by this name. This may be a tribute to her pre-eminence in character and action and also to the fact of her belonging to an older generation than Akbar's, under whom he wrote. The elder men of royal birth were Lords and the elder women Ladies of Beneficence in those days.

Gul-badan, 65a, 75b.

Akbar-nāma, *Bib. Ind.* ed., s.n..

Badāyunī, Lowe, 61, 89, 90, 217.

Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, October, 1898, art. Bāyazīd *bīyāt*, H. Beveridge, 12, 16.

B. & H., s.n..

Āin-i-akbarī, Blochmann, s.n..

Introduction, *supra*.

LXXXV. Hazāra Begam.

Princess of the tribe of the Hazāra. This is a title, and not a personal name.

She was the daughter of a brother of Khizr Khān *Hazāra* who was the chief of his tribe during the

be the expedition made by the ladies and chronicled by Gul-badan, to see the *rīwāj*. When Humāyūn, in November, 1554, set out for Hindūstān, she remained in Kābul.

Bāyazīd *bīyāt* mentions that at this time he fell under her displeasure, and was reproved because he had not cleared out a house for one of her servants. He pleaded the commands of Mu'nim Khān, and was forgiven. Early in the reign of Akbar, Khwāja Mīrak, Niẓāmu-d-dīn's grandfather and who was her *diwān*, was hanged by Mu'nim Khān because he had sided with Mīrzā Sulaimān.

She rejoined her son in the second year of his reign (964H., 1557), together with Gul-badan and other royal ladies. She is mentioned as in Dihlī in the fifth year, and she had a part in the plot for deposing Bairām Khān. She was closely associated with Gul-badan in Akbar's court and affection; together they interceded for Salīm with his father; together they received gifts from the Emperor; and their tents were side by side in his encampments. Hamīda was with Gul-badan in the latter's last hours.

Abū'l-faẓl says that when long fasts came to an end, the first dishes of dressed meat used to go to Akbar from his mother's house.

Hamīda died in the autumn of 1604 (19th Shah-riyār 1013H.), sixty-three years after her wedding, and after almost fifty years of widowhood, passed as the proud mother of a great son. If she was fourteen in 1541, she must have been born in 1527 (*circa*), the year of Bābar's victory at Khānwa, and have been some seventy-seven years old at the time of death.

Gul-badan, 39a, 42a, 43b, 48a, 55a, 55b, 58a, 59b, 62b, 66a, 74a, 78b, 83a.

Akbar-nāma, Bib. Ind. ed., s.n..

Aīn-i-akbarī. Aīn, 26, *Ṣufīyūna*, Blochmann, 61, 62.

Jauhar, l.c., Niẓāmu-d-dīn Aḥmad, etc.

Ma'āsiru-l-umarā' Bib. Ind. ed., I. 618.

Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, October, 1898, art.

Bāyazīd *bīyāt*, H. Beveridge, 16.

wa tayammun ba Mīrzā Hindāl sabq farn udand. Az ān jihat ba mā hamrā and.

Erskine (II. 220) and Stewart (Jauhar, 31 n.) both say that Ḥamīda was married at fourteen years of age. The incidents of her wedded life are set down in Gul-badan Begam's book and in the *Akbar-nāma* and other sources; but having regard to her interesting personality, they may be enumerated here also.

She was married at Pāt early in 948H. (summer, 1541), and remained in Sind until she made with Humāyūn the terrible desert journey to 'Umrkut where Akbar was born (October 15th, 1542). About the beginning of the following December she and her baby went into camp at Jūn, after travelling for ten or twelve days. In 1543 she made the perilous journey from Sind which had Qandahār for its goal, but in course of which Humāyūn had to take hasty flight from Shāl-mastān, 'through a desert and waterless waste.' She went with him, leaving her little son behind. She accompanied her husband to Persia, and it is recorded that on the way and at Sistān, its governor brought his mother and his wives to entertain her. With Humāyūn she made, amongst other pious visitations, one to Jām where was their ancestor Aḥmad's shrine. She was kindly treated by Shāh Ṭahmāsp and by his sister, and Gul-badan's details of the Persian episode can hardly have been learned from anyone but Ḥamīda. In 1544, in camp at Sabz-āwār, a daughter was born. She returned from Persia with the army given to Humāyūn by Ṭahmāsp, and at Qandahār would meet Dil-dār and Hindāl, her former protectors.

It was not until November 15th, 1545 (Ramzan 10th, 952H.) that she again saw her son, who recognised her. She had shortly after this to accept Māh-chūchak as a co-wife. In June, 1548, she and Akbar accompanied Humāyūn on his way to Tāliqān as far as Gul-bihār, and thence returned to Kābul. This may

passage except the one dealing with Ḥamīda's parentage. Mīr Bābā Dost may be the man so named by Bābar (Mems., 262), and who was then with Humāyūn in the year of the birth of Hindāl (1519). He may also have gone with Humāyūn, Ḥamīda (? his own daughter) and Mu'azzam (? his son) to Persia, the *bakhshī* in the little party of exiles. He is mentioned by Abū'l-faẓl not only where already noted, but, we believe, also amongst Hindāl's servants who were transferred to Akbar in 1551 (958H.).

Two men with the name 'Alī-akbar are mentioned under Akbar, but neither appears to be a *Jāmī*, or to warrant identification with Ḥamīda's reputed father. (Cf. *Āīn-i-akbarī*, Blochmann, s.n. 'Alī-akbar.)

Whether there was any relationship more close than that derived from common descent from Aḥmad *Jāmī* between Māham Begam and Ḥamīda I am not able to say.

Ḥamīda was related to Bānū (Bābū) *āghā* who was the wife of Shihābu-d-dīn Aḥmad *Nishāpūrī* and a relation of Māham *anaga*. Bega (*Hajī*) Begam also had claim to descent from Aḥmad *Jāmī*, so that the saint's posterity was numerous in Akbar's court, and included the Emperor himself.

To Gul-badan's account of the discussion which preceded Ḥamīda's marriage, there may be added the following passage from the *Tazkiratu-l-wāqī'āt* of Jauhar. (I.O. MS. No. 221 and B.M. MS. Add. No. 16,711, f. 82.) After Humāyūn has asked whose daughter Ḥamīda is, he is told, perhaps by Dīl-dār, that she is of the line of his Reverence the Terrible Elephant, Aḥmad *Jāmī*, and that her father, by way of blessing and benediction, has taught Mīrzā Hindāl, and that for this reason Ḥamīda is with the mīrzā's household.

The Persian (taken from the I.O. MS.) is as follows: *Pidar-i-īshān dō sih kalma bi jihat-i-tabarruk*

indefinite *khal*, maternal uncle, to describe the relation of Akbar and Mu'azzam.

(5). The *Ma'āsiru-l-umarā'* confirms the identification by use of the words *barādar i-a'yānī*, full-brother. Its authority may not be of the best, but the choice of these words has some weight.

(6). 'Alī-akbar was of the lineage of Aḥmad Jāmī. Humāyun had a dream which allowed him to know that the son prophesied in it by Aḥmad would be of the latter's lineage. There is, I think, nothing said on this point of Mīr Bābā Dost, but saintly descent was claimed for Ḥamīda's father.

(7). Gul-badan gives one the impression (it is little more) that Mu'azzam was younger than Ḥamīda. He calls his sister *Māh-chūchām*, which may be read as 'Moon of my mother,' but also as 'Elder Moon-sister.' (Cf. 18b n.) If he were Ḥamīda's junior, and as Mīr Bābā Dost was alive in 1540-41, he could not have been an independent agent in 1543-44.

In opposition to the identification, there are two considerations :

(i.) A minor matter; two names are given by the sources : Mīr Bābā Dost and 'Alī-akbar.

(ii.) The important fact that Abū'l-faẓl calls Mu'azzam Ḥamīda's *ukhuwwat-i-akhyāfi*,¹ which, according to Lane, must be rendered 'uterine brother.'

Was, then, the name Bābā Dost a sobriquet of Shaikh 'Alī-akbar?

Were Ḥamīda and Mu'azzam full brother and sister? Were they the children of one father and two mothers, or were they uterine brother and sister?

Shaikh 'Alī-akbar's name I have not found in any

¹ Steingass does not recognise the force of 'uterine,' since he renders *barādar-i-a'yānī* by 'uterine brother.'

and as Hamīda-bānū may be the daughter of one of Humāyūn's followers, I have inserted her name.

Northern Afghānistān, Yate, p. 349.

LXXXIII. Hamīda-bānū Begam Maryam-makānī.

Posthumous style, *Maryam-makānī*, dwelling with Mary.

She was the mother of Akbar. There is difficulty in making precise statement as to her family relations. She was of the lineage of Aḥmad *Jāmī Zinda-fūl*.

(a). Gul-badan, whose long intimacy with Hamīda invests her statement with authority, states that Mīr Bābā Dost was Hamīda's father, and that Khwāja Mu'azzam was her *barādar*, i.e., brother undefined.

(b). The *Tārīkh-i-sind* states that her father was Shaikh 'Alī-akbar *Jāmī* who was one of the pillars of Mīrzā Hindāl. Nizāmu-d-dīn Aḥmad says that 'Alī-akbar was father of Mu'azzam.

If the statements of paragraphs (a) and (b) stood alone, 'Bābā Dost' and 'Alī-akbar' might be identified as the *petit-nom* and the name of one man.

There is a good deal to support this view, and there is something against it.

In favour of the identification of Bābā Dost with 'Alī-akbar are the following points :

(1). 'Bābā Dost' seems to be not a personal name, but a sobriquet of affection and domestic intimacy.

(2). Jauhar calls Hamīda the daughter of Hindāl's *akhund*, and Mr. Erskine (perhaps, however, inferentially) calls 'Alī-akbar Hindāl's preceptor.

(3). Mīr Bābā Dost was alive in 947H. (1540-41), the year preceding Hamīda's marriage, and was then with Hindāl. (*Akbar-nāma*, H. Beveridge, I. 360.)

(4). Nizāmu-d-dīn Aḥmad and *Badāyūnī* contribute negative support to the identification by using the

She was taken captive as a child by Shaibānī Uzbek, and she lived in his household until he gave her in marriage to his nephew, 'Ubaidu-l-lāh. Shortly before Shaibānī murdered her father (914H., 1508-9), 'Ubaidu-l-lāh asked for Haidar (*etat.* 11) to come to him and Habiba in Bukhārā, and thus saved him from a general massacre of Mughal sultāns.

When 'Ubaidu-l-lāh retreated to Turkistān (*cir.* 1511), Habiba remained in Bukhārā. She then joined her uncle Sayyid Muḥammad *Dughlāt*, in Samarqand, and with him went to Andijān where he married her to her cousin Sa'īd. She reared one of Sa'īd's children, Rashīd whose mother was a 'tribeswoman,' Makhdūm *Qāluchī*, but he certainly did her training no credit. She was widowed in 939H. (July 9th, 1533), so that Gul-badan may be wrong in saying that she was at the Mystic Feast in 1531. She may have been a wedding guest in 1537.

Tār. Rash., F. & R., 140, 192, 193, 206, 268, 451, 453.
Gul-badan, 24*b*.

LXXXI. Hājī Begam Mīrān-shāhī.

She was a daughter of Kāmran, and accompanied Gul-badan Begam to Makka in 983H., but it is to be inferred that this was not the pilgrimage which gave her her title of Hājī, since she is so entered before the *haj* of 983H. (*Cf.* XIX., 'Āyisha-sultān.)

(Hājī Begam, Bega, *q.v.*)

(Hājī Begam, Māh-chūchak *Arghūn*, *q.v.*)

LXXXII. Hamīda-bānū.

Ar. *ḥamīda*, praised, laudable, and Pers. *bānū*.

Daughter of Sayyid Muḥammad Qāsim. She died 984H. (1576-77), and was buried at Andakhui.

The above information is given by Captain Yate,

The story of her husband's rebellious pursuit and death (981H., 1573), and of her flight to the Dakhin with her son, is found at length in the histories.

She was living and visited by Jahāngīr in 1023H. (1614). (Cf. XIX. 'Āyisha-sultān.)

LXXVII. Gūn-war Bibī.

Wife of Humāyūn and mother of Bakhshī-bānū Begam.

Gul-badan, 39b.

LXXVIII. Habība Begam Mīrān-shāhī.

The beloved or desired princess.

Eldest daughter of Kāmran Mīrzā and probably of the daughter of Uncle (*taḡhāī*) Sultān 'Alī Mīrzā *Begchik* whom Kāmran married in 935H. (1528). She married Yasīn-daulat (the Fair Su'tān) (*Chaghatāī Mughal*, a brother of Gul-badan's husband, Khizr, and her own second cousin. It may be that she married a second time after she was forcibly parted from Yasīn-daulat in 1551-52. (Cf. App. s.n. *Hājī Mīrān-shāhī*.)

Gul-badan, 64b, 65a, 78a.

LXXIX. Habība-sultān Begam Arghūn.

The desired of the desired; Ar. *ḥabība*, beloved, desired, and *sultān*, pre-eminence, sway.

'Brother's daughter of Sultān Arghūn' (? Muqīm, Shāh Shuja'a, or a brother of Zū'l-nūn); wife of Sultān Aḥmad Mīrzā *Mīrān-shāhī*; and mother of Bābar's wife, Ma'sūma. Bābar gave her a name of affection, *yanga*. (Cf. Index, s.v..)

Mems., 22, 23, 208, 238.

LXXX. Habība-sultān Khānīsh Dughlāt. (No. 21.)

Daughter of Muḥammad Husain *Dughlāt* and Khūb-nigār *Chaghatāī*; full-sister of Mīrzā Ḥaidar; first cousin (maternal) of Bābar; wife (1) of 'Ubaidu-l-lāh *Uzbek*, and (2) of her cousin, Sa'id Khān *Chaghatāī*.

Khān who had reinforced Andijān under Bābar's orders, to Kāzan.

(c) In 920H. (1514) he accompanied Sa'id in his conquest of Kāshghar, and at this date is named amongst the Begchik amīrs of the Kāshghar army. (*l.c.*, 308, 326.)

(d) In 925H. (1519) he waited on Bābar, and is styled *ṭaghāwī* of Kāmran. (Mems., 274.) Bābar says here: 'Sultān 'Alī Mīrzā, the maternal uncle of Kāmran (Ilminsky, 311, *Kāmran-nīnak ṭaghāwī*), who in the year in which I passed over from Khost to Kābul had proceeded to Kāshghar, *as has been mentioned*,¹ waited on me here.'

Bābar must several times have passed from Khost (Andar-āb) to Kābul. The *Tārīkh-i-rashīdī* fixes the occasion here alluded to as in 920H. (1514). This was Bābar's latest and last crossing of the northern passes to Kābul.

By thus bringing the statements of the Memoirs and the *Tārīkh-i-rashīdī* together, Sultān 'Alī Mīrzā *Begchik* is fairly-well identified with Sultān 'Alī Mīrzā, *ṭaghāwī* of Kāmran.'

(e) In 935H. (1528) Kāmran married his daughter. (Mems., 388.)

Mems., 274, 388.

Tār. Rash., 183, 248, 264, 265, 280, 308, 326.

LXXVI. Gul-rukh Begam Mīrān-shāhī.

Daughter of Kāmran Mīrzā; wife of Ibrāhīm Husain Mīrzā *Bāyqarā*; mother of Muẓaffar Husain who married Sultān Khānam, Akbar's eldest daughter, and of Nūru-n-nisā' who became a wife of Salīm (the Emperor Jahāngīr).

¹ Something interesting as to the *Tūzūk-i-bābarī* (Turkī text of the Memoirs) may lie here. The period of Sa'id's Kāshghar conquest falls in a gap of the *Tūzūk*. Bābar referred to an incident of that time as having been already mentioned. This suggests, as a cause of the gap, lost leaves, and not an omission of record. (*Cf. Tār. Rash.*, 247 n..)

Isār-tīmūr is last mentioned in 1543, and of Gulrang there is no certain record after *cir.* 1534, when she was at Guālīār. (23a) (*Cf.* App. s.n. Salīma.)

Gul-badan, 6b, 16b, 18b, 23a, 25b, 29b.

LXXV. Gul-rukh Begam (?) *Begchik Mughal.*

The rose-cheeked princess.

Wife of Bābar; mother of Kāmran, 'Askari, Shāh-rukh, Aḥmad, and Gul-'izār. Outside Kābul there was in 1545 the tomb of Gul-rukh Begam. (64b) This may well have been hers.

She is perhaps a *Begchik*. This may be judged from the following notes:

(1) Kāmran married a daughter of Sultān 'Alī Mirzā *ṭaghāi*.¹ (Mems., 388.)

(2) Humāyūn married a daughter of Yādgar *ṭaghāi*. (Mems., 388.)

Amongst contemporary *Begchik* amīrs are Sultān Alī Mirzā and Yādgar Mirzā.

If one follows the recorded incidents of Sultān 'Alī's life, one sees that Gul-rukh may be his sister.

(a) In 914H. (1508-9) he was ordered to drown Khalil Khān. (*Tār. Rash.*, 183.) Having done so, he took refuge with Bābar in Samarqand. (*l.c.*, 265.)

(b) In 917H. (1511) he was with Sayyid Muḥammad *Dughlāt* in Andijān, apparently at Bābar's instance. (*l.c.*, 248.) In the same year he was sent by Sa'id

¹ This is a difficult word to deal with. It has a wider use than its usual translation 'mother's brother.' It is used for the uncle, great-uncle, etc., in ascending line. In other words, the mother's brother, in at any rate distinguished families, of one generation remains the mother's brother, *ṭaghāi*, in the next and the next. Once a *ṭaghāi*, always a *ṭaghāi*. The numerous uncles on the mother's side who appear in the Memoirs and the *Tārīkh-i-rashīdī* as so-and-so *ṭaghāi*, might be described as brothers of the mothers of a king's or chief's children.

To found opinion of relationship on the unsupported use of the word is to court disaster. Great wariness is needed. A quite perplexing *ṭaghāi* is the Machiavelli of Mirzā Ḥaidar's life, 'Alī Mirzā *ṭaghāi* (*Dughlāt*). He is constantly on the scene, and the one fact not mentioned which it is desirable to know is, whose brother was he? Only with much trouble can a surmise as to his parentage be hazarded.

LXXI. Gul-'izār Begam Mīrān-shāhī.

The rosy-cheeked princess; Pers. *gul*, rose, and *'izār*, cheek, face.

Daughter of Bābar and Gul-rukh; full-sister of Kāmran and 'Askarī.

Gul-badan names no marriage for her, but she may have been the wife of Yādgār-nāṣir.

Gul-badan, 6b.
Mems., 10.

LXXII. Gul-'izār Begam Mīrān-shāhī.

Daughter of Kāmran Mīrzā; she accompanied Gul-badan Begam to Makka (983H., October, 1575). (Cf. App. s.n. 'Āyisha Mīrān-shāhī.)

Akbar-nāma, Bib. Ind. ed., III. 145.

LXXIII. Gul-nūr āghācha. (No. 57.)

The red, red rose; Pers. *gul*, rose, and *nūr* (*anūr*), pomegranate, carnation red.

She was of Bābar's *ḥaram*, and may have been one of the two Circassian (Cherkis) slaves (the other being Nār-gul) who were presented to the Emperor by Shāh Tahmāsp in 933H. (1526).

She was at Hindāl's wedding-feast, and shared in the conferences of Humāyūn and his family; and she was one of Gul-badan Begam's pilgrim band (983H., 1575).

Gul-badan, 25b, 30a, 35a, 38a.
Mems., 347.

Akbar-nāma, Bib. Ind. ed., III. 145.

LXXIV. Gul-rang Begam Mīrān-shāhī. (No. 44.)

The rose-hued princess.

Daughter of Bābar and Dil-dār and her mother's first child. She was born in Khost, probably between 1511 and 1515, during Bābar's exile from Kābul after the Mughal rebellion. She was given in marriage to Isān-tīmūr *Chaghatai* Mughal, her father's first cousin, during the last days of her father's life and in 1530.

LXVIII. Gul-barg, or - izar, or -rang, or -rukḥ Mīrān-shāhī.

By these various names is mentioned the mother of Salīma-sultān Begam. There are difficult points as to her descent, which are discussed *s.n.* Salīma-sultān.

LXIX. Gul Begam. (No. 30.)

The rose princess.

She was at the Mystic Feast, and may be one of the various ladies of the rose who are entered *infra*.

Gul-badan, 25*b*.

LXX. Gul-chihra Begam Mīrān-shāhī. (No. 45.)

The rosy-cheeked princess; Pers. *chihra*, face.

Daughter of Bābar and Dil-dār; their second child, and born between 1515 and 1517. She was full-sister of Gul-rang, Hindāl, and Gul-badan.

She married Bābar's first cousin (a son of his mother's brother Aḥmad), Sultān Tūkhta-būghā Khān *Chaghatāi Mughal*. The marriage was arranged by Bābar, and took place in 937H. (end of 1530). She would then be about fourteen years old.

She was widowed *cir.* 940H. (1533), and nothing as to her remarriage is recorded until 956H. (1549), when she was over thirty years old. It is improbable that she remained a widow so many years. (*Cf.* App. *s.n.* Salīma-sultān.) In 956H. she entered upon what looks like a *mariage de raison* with 'Abbās Sultān *Uzbeḡ*, just before Humāyūn set out on his expedition for Balkh. The bridegroom came to suspect that the Timūrid army was about to act against his own people and ran away. Probably he did not take Gul-chihra with him. Her name next appears in the histories when she accompanies Gul-badan and Ḥamīda to India in 964H. (1557).

Gul-badan, 6*b*, 16*b*, 18*b*, 23*b*, 25*b*, 29*b*, 38*a*, 65*a*.
Akbar-nāma, *Bib. Ind.* ed., *s.n.*

intimate of Muḥammad Ḥiṣārī, and saved his life by a warning word, as a reward for which Gauhar-shād was given in marriage to his son.

Mems., 86, 88, 239.

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 193.

LXV. Gauhar-shād Begam *Mīrān-shāhī*. (No. 5.)

Daughter of Sultān Abū-saʿīd Mīrzā and paternal aunt of Bābar. She was at the Mystic Feast.

Mems., 387.

Gul-badan, 11a, 24b.

LXVI. Gul-badan Begam *Mīrān-shāhī*. (No. 46.)

Cf. Biographical Introduction and her own *Humāyūn-nāma*.

LXVII. Gul-barg Begam *Barlās*. (No. 49.)

The rose-leaf princess; Pers. *barg*, leaf.

Daughter of Niẓāmu-d-dīn 'Alī *Barlās*, Bābar's *Khalīfa*; niece, therefore, of Sultān Junaid *Barlās*, a brother-in-law of Bābar. (*Cf.* *Shahr-bānū*.) She may be the child of that Sultānam who received Gul-badan at Kūl-jalālī. (14a) She married, first, Mīr Shāh Ḥusain *Arghūn*, in 930H. (1524). The alliance was not happy and a separation took place. She appears to have remarried Humāyūn at some time before the defeat at Chausa (1539). She was with him subsequently in Sind, and from there went with Sultānam to Makka previous to 1543.

She was buried in Dihlī. Mīr Ma'sūm writes of her death: 'She entrusted her soul to the guardians of the hour of death, and the leaves (*gul-barg*) of the rose-bush of her life were dispersed by the boisterous wind of mortality.'

Gul-badan, 21a, 25b, 29b, 30b, 49b.

Tārīkh-i-sir, Mīr Ma'sūm.

B. & H., I. 385.

LIX. Fātima Sultān Begam.

A wife of Shāh Ḥusain Beg *Arghūn*, and mentioned in the *Tārīkh-i-sind*.

LX. Fauq Begam. (No. 31.)

Ar. *fauq*, superiority, excellence.

Gul-badan, 25b.

LXI. Fīroza Begam. (No. 35.)

The princess of victory ; Pers. *fīroz*, victorious, prosperous.

Gul-badan, 25b.

LXII. Fīroza Begam Mīrān-shāhī.

She was a grand-daughter of Tīmūr, and married Maṣṣūr Mirzā *Bāyqarā*. Their son Ḥusain was therefore a double Tīmūrid, fourth in descent through Maṣṣūr and third through Fīroza.

Mems., 176.

LXIII. Gauhar-shād Begam and āghā, Turkomān.

The jewel of joy ; Pers. *gauhar*, jewel, and *shād*, joy, delight.

Wife of Shāh-rukh, son of Tīmūr ; sister of Qarā Yūsuf *Turkomān* ; founder of the Masjid which bears her name in Mashhad, and, with her husband, of the Bāgh-i-zāghān (Ravens' Garden) at Harāt. Bābar saw her tomb (dated 861H., 1457) and her mosque in 1506.

Mems., 207.

Northern Afghānistān, C. E. Yate, *s.n.*

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 83 n..

LXIV. Gauhar-shād Begam Dughlāt.

Daughter of Muḥammad *Dughlāt Ḥiṣārī* ; wife of Amīr Yār (*sic*) ; son of Amīr Jān-wafā, who was *darogha* of Samarqand under Shāibānī in 906H. (1500) when Bābar took the city, and who was an

LVI. Fāṭima Sultān āghā.

Ar. *Fāṭima*, a name given presumably in honour of the Prophet's daughter. The meaning of *sultān* here is not apparent. It does not seem as, *e.g.*, in *Daulat-sultān*, safe to consider it as a part of a compound word, and to read Faṭīma-sultān. Nor from the bearer's parentage does it suit to take it as a title, implying that she is of the sultāns of her tribe.

There are points in the use of the word *sultān* which require fuller discussion than is practicable here. One Fāṭima Sultān and her sister Bairām (Maryam) were the children of Husain *Bāyqarā* by an Uzbek servant of one of his royal wives. They are not given any further title, but their brothers are *mīrzās*.

Daughter of the chief of a Mughal *tumān* (10,000 men); first wife of 'Umar Shaikh *Mīrān-shāhī*; mother of his second son, Jahāngīr who was two years the junior of Bābar.

Mems., 10, 14.

LVII. Fāṭima Sultān *anaga* and Bībī. (No. 60.)

Mother of Raushan *kāka* and of Zuhra, wife of Khwāja Muʿazzam. Bāyazīd *bīgāt* speaks of her as the *ōrdū-begī* of Humāyūn's *haram*, a title which Blochmann translates 'armed woman.'

She was at Hindāl's marriage feast; she helped to nurse Humāyūn in 1546; and was an envoy to Īḥām Begam for marriage negotiations; and she appears in Akbar's reign when her daughter is murdered.

Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, October, 1898, art. Memoirs of Bāyazīd *bīyāt*, H. Beveridge.

Ṭabaqāt-i-akbarī, Elliot, V. 291.

Ākbar-nāma, Bib. Ind. ed., s.n..

Gul-badan, 26a.

LVIII. Fātima Sultān *Bāyqā.*

Daughter of Sultān Husain Mirzā *Bāyqarā* and of Mīngli-bī *āghācha Uzbek* ; wife of Yādgar Muḥammad Mirzā *Shāh-rukhī* (died 875—1470-71). She was dead before 912H. (May, 1506).

Mems., 182.

Habību-s-siyār, 327 *et seq.*

She went to India in 1526, the first year of Bābar's occupation, with her sister Khadija, and stayed there nearly two years. She took leave of Bābar before starting on her return journey to Kābul on September 20th, 1528 (Muḥarram 5th, 935H.). She was again in Āgra and at the Mystic Feast in 1531.

Gul-badan, 11a, 24b.

Mems., 374, 382.

P. de Courteille, II. 453. (This is a fragment, supplied by Xehr and Ilimsky, which has the appearance of memoranda and which concerns a period already and variously written of in the *Bābar-nāma* of Xehr and contained in the Memoirs of Mr. Erskine.)

Ain-i-akbari, Blochmann, 322.

LIII. Fakhru-n-nisā'.

The ornament of womanhood; Ar. *fakhr*, ornament, and *nisā'*, woman.

She was a daughter of Bābar and 'Āyisha-sultān, and his first child, born when he was nineteen. She died when about a month old.

Mems., 90.

Gul-badan, 6b.

LIV. Fakhru-n-nisā' anaga and māmā.

Mother of Nadīm *kūka*; mother-in-law of his wife, Māham *anaga*.

She and Nadīm are several times mentioned by Gul-badan.

Gul-badan, 26a, 46a, 71a, 73b.

Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, January, 1899, art.

Māham *anaga*, H. Beveridge.

Akbar-nāma, Bib. Ind. ed., s.n. Nadīm.

LV. Fakhru-n-nisā' Begam Mīrān-shāhī. (No. 61.)

Daughter of Humāyūn and Māh-chūchak; sister of Muḥammad Ḥakīm; wife (1) of Shāh Abū'l-ma'ālī and (2) of Khwāja Ḥasan Naqshbandī. (Cf. Bakhtun-nisā'.)

Akbar-nāma, Bib. Ind. ed., s.n..

Ain-i-akbari, Blochmann, s.n..

Badāyūnī, Lowe, 72.

rukhs¹ son tells nothing, since the chief factors in the adoption, *i.e.*, Māham's loss of her own children and wish to adopt, may have become operative only when they were put into practice in 1519.

Five children of Dil-dār are mentioned by Gul-badan : Gul-rang, born between 1511 and 1515 ; Gul-chihra ; Abū-n-nāṣir Muḥammad (Hindāl), born 1519 ; Gul-badan, born 1523 ; and Alwar, who died in India in 1529.

She is very frequently written of by her daughter ; some other authors give of her a clear and pleasant impression ; and she is always spoken of with respect and as a good and sensible woman.

Gul-badan, 6*b*, 16*a*, 23*a*, 25*b*, 29*b*, 30*a*, 35*a*, 35*b*, 38*a*, 42*a*, 50*b*, 51*b*, 65*a*, 70*b*.

Jauhar, Stewart, 30, 31.

Iminsky, 281.

Akbar-nāma, Bib. Ind. ed., *s.n.*.

B. & H., II. 164, 220, 302.

L. Dil-shād Begam.

The Heart-rejoicing Princess ; Pers. *dil*, heart, and *shād*, rejoicing.

Daughter of Shāh Begam and grand-daughter of Fakhr-jahān Begam *Mīrān-shāhī*. Of her paternal descent nothing is recorded.

Gul-badan, 24*b*.

LI. Dūdū Bibī.

Wife of Sultān Muḥammad Shāh *Lohānī*, Afghān King of Bihār ; mother of Sultān Jalālu-d-dīn ; regent for her son in his minority from 1529.

B. & H., *s.n.*.

LII. Fakhr-jahān Begam *Mīrān-shāhī*. (No. 1.)

The world's ornament. Ar. *fakhr*, ornament, and Pers. *jahān*, world.

She was a daughter of Sultān Abū-sa'īd Mīrzā ; a paternal aunt of Bābar ; the wife of Mir 'Alā'u-l-mulk *Termizī* ; and mother of Shāh and Kichak Begams.

¹ For *erratum* in my Introduction as to Gul-rukhs, cf. App. *s.n.*.

XLIX. Dil-dār Begam. (No. 48.)

The Heart-holding Princess; Pers. *dil*, heart, and *dār*, holding.

Neither her husband, Bābar nor her daughter, Gul-badan gives any clue to her parentage. Her marriage is not spoken of in the Memoirs; it, as well as Gul-rukh's, probably occurred in the missing decade of 1509-19. If Bābar held the view that four wives were a lawful number, Dil-dār, of whatever parentage, may be counted amongst them, since in 1509 Māham only remained of his earlier wives, 'Āyisha, Zainab, and Ma'sūma having disappeared from the household by death or divorce.

Dil-dār is mentioned once in the Turkī text of Kehr and Ilminsky, and then as *āghācha*. I am too ignorant of the import of this word in the domestic circle to venture to draw from its use an inference as to social status. It, however, as used by Bābar and by Gul-badan, supports Pavet de Courteille's definition of a 'lady' in contradistinction to a 'begam,' and does not convey reproach to the woman as its occasional English rendering (concubine) does.

The *Akbar-nāma* (Bib. Ind. ed., II. 62) makes use of the words 'Dil-dār *āghācha* Begam,' and adds *āghā* as a variant (cf. App., s.n. *āghā*). Gul-badan always styles her mother begam, and sometimes *ḥazrat*. In enumerating her father's children and their mothers, she does not mention the parentage of any wife besides Ma'sūma *Mirān-shāhī*, a Tīmūrīd, but no deduction as to the lower birth of the others can be drawn safely from this, and there is some ground for supposing that Dil-dār was of *Mirān-shāhī* birth. (Cf. *infra*, p. 277.)

Perhaps some indication of non-royal birth is given by Māham's forcible adoption of Dil-dār's son in 1519, but I am too ignorant of the *nuances* of Muḥammadan etiquette to venture on assertion or even on opinion in such a matter. That Māham did not take Gul-

Daulat-sultān to his son Timūr. She bore him a daughter, and she remained in his *haram* until Bābar took possession of Samarqand in 917H. (1511), and she joined him. She went south with him in 1513, and remained several years in Badakhshān with another nephew, Mīrzā (Wais) Khān who behaved to her like a son.

Another nephew, Saʿīd, her own brother Aḥmad's son, then invited her, with costly gifts, to visit him in Kāshghar. She made the long and difficult journey; joined him in Yarkand; and with him she spent the rest of her life.

Bābar mentions that her foster-brother brought him news and letters from her in 925H. (September 8th, 1519). In the same year Maṣṣūr, Saʿīd's eldest brother, went to Kāshghar to visit her, his 'beloved aunt.'

The Persian text of the *Tārīkh-i-rashīdī* says that Maṣṣūr went so that by looking at her kind face his grief for the loss of his father might be mitigated. The Bible Society's Turkī version reads: 'Being prompted thereto by the extreme warmth of his affection for her.' Both statements illumine her character. The second seems the more appropriate, since the death of Sultān Aḥmad Khān took place in 909H. (1503) and Maṣṣūr's visit in 926H. (1520).

There is no mention of her remarriage, and her story is that of an affectionate and leisured aunt.

Mems., 14, 99, 105, 274.

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 108, 117, 156, 160, 351, 352, 356.

XLVIII. Daulat-sultān (?) *Sakanj* Begam.

Sakanj I cannot explain. B. M. Add. 24,090 (44b) has no points, and the word may be S-k-n-gh. B. M., Or. 137 (48a) has k-m-n-j or b-k-n-j. The Turkī (Bible Society's MS. translations) has Daulat.

Daughter of Amīr Shaikh Nūru-d-dīn *Qibchāq Muḡhal*, governor of Turkistān; wife of Wais Khān *Chaghatai Muḡhal*.

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 64 and 64 n.

She may be the Daulat-bakht *āghācha* of the preceding notice.

Gul-badan, 26b, 71a, 74a.

XLV. Daulat-kitta (?) *Arghūn*.

Kitta I find only as a Turkī word, meaning noble, powerful. With it the name would be a mongrel of Arabic and Turkī. Perhaps Daulat-gītī might be read.

She was a servant in Mirzā Muḥammad Muqīm *Arghūn*'s house, and was an intermediary in effecting the elopement of her master's daughter, Māh-chūchak *Arghūn*, from Kābul. Mr. Erskine tells the story admirably.

B. & H., I. 348 *et seq.*, and the sources there referred to.

XLVI. Daulat-nigār Khānam *Chaghatāi Mughal*.

Good-fortune itself; the very image of felicity. Ar. *daulat*, and Pers. *nigār*, effigy, image.

Daughter of Isān-būghā Khān *Chaghatāi*; wife of Muḥammad Haidar Mīrzā *Dughlāt*.

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 88.

XLVII. Daulat-sultān Khānam *Chaghatāi Mughal*.

Ar. *daulat*, fortune, and *sultān*, sway. In many proper names, *sultān* does not appear to be a title, but rather to indicate the sway or dominance of the quality imputed by the first word of the name; e.g., *Latīf-sultān*, *Daulat-sultān*. In giving these names, one might suppose the prophetic notion to be that the first child should be a regnant delight and the second a prevailing felicity.

Youngest child of Yūnas Khān *Chaghatāi* and Shāh Begam *Badakhshī*; half-sister of Bābar's mother; wife by chance of battle, of Timūr Sultān *Uzbeg*; mother by him of a daughter.

In 907H. (1501-2) she was in Tāshkand, and Qūt-liq-nigār Khānam went to visit her after thirteen or fourteen years of separation. Bābar, dejected and an exile, joined the family party in the next year. In 909H. (1503) Shaibānī sacked Tāshkand and forcibly married

Iqbāl-nāma adds the interesting detail that she was deported from India, and that on her enforced journey to Kābul she drowned herself in the Indus.

Mems., 347.
Gul-badan, 19a.

XLII. Chūlī Begam Azāk.

The Desert Princess; Pers. *chūl*, desert. The Memoirs have *Jūlī*, but the meaning of *chūlī* (which looks like a sobriquet) suits the descent of the begam better than anything which can be extracted from *jūl*. Ilminsky writes *Jūlī*, but for this the Mems. are his possible warrant. B.M. Pers. Or. 16,623, f. 123, l. 7., has a clearly-pointed *chūlī*; also on f. 124b.

Chūlī (Jūlī) Begam was a daughter of a beg of the Azāks, and married Sultān Husain Bāyqarā before he conquered Khurāsān in 878H. (1473). She was the mother of Sultānām, his eldest girl and her only child, and she died before 912H. (1506).

Mems., 181, 182.
Habību-s-siyār, 327 *et seq.*

XLIII. Daulat-bakht āghācha.

(?) The lady of happy horoscope (*bakht*).

She may be the mother of Kāmran's daughter 'Āyisha, with whom she was in flight for Qandahār. (*Cf.* 'Āyisha.)

Gul-badan, 78b.

XLIV. Daulat-bakht Bibī. (No. 85.)

She was clearly an active and working member of Humāyūn's household. She appeared to him in a dream (71a), and her name formed a part of Bakhtun-nisā's. She went on before the main body of begams when they visited the waterfall at Farza, and saw to the commissariat. She is named as being at Hindāl's marriage feast.

XXXVII. Lega Sultān Begam Mārri.

Daughter of Sanjar Mīrzā of Marv; first wife of Sultān Husain Mīrzā Bāyqarā; mother of Badī'u-z-zamān Mīrzā. 'She was extremely cross-tempered, and fretted the mīrzā beyond endurance, till, driven to extremities by her insufferable humour, he divorced her. What could he do? He was in the right:

A bad wife in a good man's house,
Even in this world, makes a hell on earth.

May the Almighty remove such a visitation from every good Moslim; and God grant that such a thing as an ill-tempered, cross-grained wife be not left in the world.'

There is no later record of her.

Mems., 181, 182.

XXXVIII. Bega Sultān Begam Mīrān-shāhī. (No. 13.)

Daughter of Sultān Khalīl Mīrzā Mīrān-shāhī; grand-daughter of Sultān Abū-sa'īd; first cousin of Bābar.

Gul-badan, 24b.

XXXIX. Begam Sultān.

Daughter of Shaikh Kamāl. Died 945H. (1538).

Beale's 'Oriental Biography,' s.n..

(Begam Sultān, Sa'adat-bakht, q.v..)

XL. Begī Sultān āghācha.

Inferior wife (*chāhar-shambihī*) of Sultān Husain Mīrzā Bāyqarā.

Mems., 183.

XLI. Buwā Begam.

Mother of Sultān Ibrāhīm Lōdī Afghān. She attempted to poison Bābar in December, 1526 (933H.) in the manner which is told in most of the histories. The

other ladies when Humāyūn made his expedition to recover Hindūstān, and she came with Hamīda, Gul-badan, and the rest to join Akbar in 964H. (1557). After this she built her husband's tomb near Dihlī, and became its faithful attendant.

Akbar is said to have been much attached to her, and she was to him like a second mother. She went to Makka in 972H. (1564-65), and returned three years later. One thing raises the question whether this was her first pilgrimage, *viz.*, the fact that all the sources, except Gul-badan's, call her *Hājī Begam*. Why is she singled out to bear this title? It had been earned by many royal ladies before any one of the trio of great writers under Akbar had put pen to paper. The same unexplained distinction is conferred by the histories on a daughter of Kāmār. In both these cases a renewed pilgrimage might serve as the explanation of the distinction.

Bega Begam died in 989H. (1581), shortly before Gul-badan's return from Makka. She had almost certainly passed her seventieth year, and was perhaps still older. Abū'l-faẓl says that her affairs were settled by one Qāsim 'Alī Khān. He also records a visit of Akbar to her in her last illness, as well as an earlier visit of hers to him made from Dihlī in 981H..

Gul-badan, 22a, 23b, 29b, 30b, 78b, 83a.

Mems., 388, 390.

Akbar-nāma, Bib. Ind. ed., index, s.n..

Āīn-i-akbarī, Blochmann, 465. (Confusion has been made here with Kāmār's daughter.)

Badāyūnī, Lowe, 308 n..

History of the Afghāns, Dorn, I. 103.

XXXVI. Bega Kīlār Begam. (No. 22.)

She was at the Mystic Feast. No clue is given to her identification. The 'kīlār' of her title indicates a pre-eminence which would suit Bega *Mirān-shāhī*, daughter of Sultān Maḥmūd Mirzā. (*Cf. supra.*)

Gul-badan, 24b.

congratulatory letter to the young father. Al-amān died in infancy.

Bega came to India after Bābar's death (December, 1530), and her second and last-mentioned child, 'Afīfa ('Aqīqa) was born in 1531.

In 1534 (*circa*) Gul-badan's story (29*b*, 30*b*) shows Bega as resenting neglect by Humāyūn who accepts invitations to his sisters' quarters in camp in preference to hers and Gul-barg's. Some impressions of this story make one question whether the Bega it tells of is Humāyūn's wife or another. But the circumstances that she is associated with a wife, Gul-barg; that Gul-badan does not speak of her as being other than the 'Bega Begam' of the home circle; Humāyūn's allusions to the elder kinswomen; and the absence of the deference customary to an elder woman, seem sufficient justification for identifying the complaining Bega with the wife. (Gul-badan, it may be observed, mentions one other Bega Begam—*i.e.*, *Mīrān-shāhī*, daughter of Ulugh Beg *Kābulī*.)

Bega was with Humāyūn during the idleness of his decadence in Bengal, and with her was her sister, the wife of Zahīd Beg. Zahīd offended Humāyūn, and Bega tried in vain to obtain his forgiveness.

She was captured at Chausa by Shīr Khān, and here she lost her little girl, 'Aqīqa. The historians all call her *Hājī* Begam in recording her capture; it is only Gul-badan who calls her Bega Begam. She was returned in safety to Humāyūn under the escort of Shīr Khān's best general, Khawāṣ Khān. How soon she was returned I am not able to say. Support is to be found for the view that she was sent to Āgra directly after Humāyūn's arrival there, and also for the view that she was not returned to him until after a considerable time had elapsed. I do not know whether she went to Sind with the exiles or was sent later direct to Kābul. She was in Kābul with the royal family after 1545. She remained there with the

and in which she was. Husain became apprehensive about the spring rains and patched up a peace, the seal of which was Bega's marriage with his son Haidar, her first cousin through his mother, Pāyandasultān. The betrothal took place outside the fort, with assistance of such music as could be procured, and later when the bride was taken to Harāt, the marriage was celebrated with the splendour loved by Husain and befitting a Tīmūrid alliance. Haidar was a full Tīmūrid; Bega was one on her father's side, and probably as a Termizī sayyida's daughter, drew through her also a strain of the same blood.

Haidar died before his father; *i.e.*, before 912H. (April, 1506).

Mems., 30, 38, 180.

Gul-badan, (?) 24*b*, No. 22.

XXXV. Bega (*Hājī*) Begam (?) *Begchik Mughal*. (? No. 50.)

She was a daughter of Uncle (*taḡhāw*) Yādgār Beg who was, I think, a brother of Sultān 'Alī Mīrzā, father of Kāmran's wife, Gul-rukh. Abū'l-faẓl calls Bega Begam *dukhtar-i-taḡhāw-i-wālida-i-Jannat-āshyānī*. Yādgār and 'Alī *Begchik* are both styled *Mīrzā*, but this elevation is due, it seems, to their alliances with the royal house. Haidar calls their brothers *mīrs*.

Bega married Humāyūn, her first cousin, and she was the wife of his youth. It is out of harmony with the custom of his house that his chief wife should be of less than royal descent. So far as I have been able to trace the matter, he never made an equal marriage. Gul-barg *Barlās*, 'Khalifa's' daughter, whose second husband he was, had best claim to high birth.

The first son, perhaps first child, of Bega and Humāyūn was Al-amān, born 934H. or 935H. (1528) when his father was about twenty-one and was in Badakhshān. Bābar has commemorated his birth both by mentioning it and by preserving his own

or, as we may call her with Jauhar for the sake of clearness, the Bibī, must therefore have remained behind the rest of the royal family. This may have occurred in one of two natural ways. She might have stayed in Āgra under the protection of one of the religious families and safeguarded by pious duty to Bābar's tomb, until Shīr Khān gave permission to remove the body and a safe escort for her journey to his frontier; or she may even have been in Bengal and at Chausa with Humāyūn, and, like Bega (*Hājī*) Begam, have been made captive. It would harmonize with Shīr Khān's known actions if he had allowed Bābar's widow to remove his bones, and if he had aided her pious task.

Tūzūk-i-jahāngīrī, lith. ed., 51.

Humāyūn-nāma, Jauhar, Pers. text, s.a. 951H. (November, 1545).

B. & H., II. 325 n.

XXXIII. Bega Begam *Mīrān-shāhī*. (No. 15.)

This Bega was a daughter of Mīrzā Ulugh Beg *Mīrān-shāhī* who was king of Kābul and known as *Kābulī*. She was Bābar's first cousin, and may be that daughter of her father who married Muḥammād Ma'sūm Mīrzā *Bāyqarā*. Gul-badan styles her '*ama*', paternal aunt, of Humāyūn; *anglice*, she and he were first cousins, once removed. She was at the Mystic Feast in December, 1531.

Gul-badan, 24b.

Mems., 180.

XXXIV. Bega Begam *Mīrān-shāhī*. (? No. 22. Bega Kilān Begam.)

Daughter of Sultān Maḥmūd Mīrzā and Khān-zāda II. *Termizī*; wife of Haidar Mīrzā *Bāyqarā* and mother of Shād Begam (No. 28).

In 901H. (1496) Sultān Ḥusain *Bāyqarā* was besieging *Hiṣār* which was held for Bega's brother Ma'sūd,

Mīrzā of Hājī Tarkhān who was her first cousin and the son of Rabī'a-sultān (Beḍka) *Bāyqār*.

Khwānd-amīr says that she married 'Khwāja Māulānā.' This may be a second marriage or a confusion with Kīchak, her sister.

Mems., 177, 181.

Habību-s-siyār, 327 *et seq.*

XXXII. Bega Begam and Bibī.

The Emperor Jahāngīr, when in his Memoirs enumerating the gardens of Kābul, mentions one which belonged to Bega Begam, a widow of his father's grandfather, *i.e.*, Bābar. Which of Bābar's wives is indicated by this title cannot be said with certainty.

Jauhar has a story of Kāmran's want of consideration for 'Bega Begam,' in which the points useful here are that on the day in 1545 when Humāyūn took Kābul from Kāmran, he asked for food from Bega Begam, and he said of her that she was the very person who had brought Bābar's bones and laid them in Kābul.

These two references of Jahāngīr and Jauhar are probably to the same lady. Of Bābar's wives, Bibī Mubārīka (*Afghānī āghācha*) appears to me the most suitable to the time and task.

Bābar's body was still in its Āgra tomb in 1539. (Gul-badan, 34*b*.) Māham was then dead; Dil-dār's movements exclude her from consideration; Gul-rukh, if living, will have left Āgra with her son Kāmran before the Timūrid exodus was enforced by defeat at Kanauj; Bibī Mubārīka remains, the probable and appropriate agent for fulfilling Bābar's wish as to the final disposition of his body. She lived into Akbar's reign, and her character and respected position in the household add to the sum of probability that she would discharge this duty.

Bābar's body was not removed till after the *fiṭrat*, *i.e.*, the Timūrid downfall and exodus. Bega Begam,

Of Fakhru n-nisā it is recorded that she married Shāh Abū'l-ma'ālī *Termezī* and Khwāja Ḥasan *Naqsh-bandī*.

Gul-badan, 71a.

Khāfī Khān (*Bib. Ind. ed.*), I. 226.

Badāyunī, Lowe, 72.

Akbar-nāma, s.n..

Aīn-i-akbarī, Blochmann, 322.

XXVIII. Bakht-sultān Begam *Mīrān-shāhī*. (No. 4.)

Daughter of Sultān Abū-sa'īd Mīrzā *Mīrān-shāhī* and mother of Āfāq (No. 26). She went to India shortly after its conquest by Bābar, and was at the Mystic Feast.

Mems., 387.

Gul-badan, 11a, 24b, 25b.

XXIX. Barlās Begam. (No. 36.)

There is no clue given by which to identify this lady. Others who were, like herself, at the Mystic Feast might, by tribal descent, be styled *Barlās*.

Gul-badan, 25b.

(Bedka, Rabi'a, q.v..)

XXX. Bega āghā.

Bega is perhaps not a personal name. It appears to be a feminine of *beg*, but its application is not always to the daughters of *begs*, as may be seen by the instances here given. For a confusion of *bega* and *yunga* cf. App. s.n. Zainab.

A messenger of Mīrzā Kāmrān to Ḥaram Begam.

Gul-badan, 75b.

XXXI. Bega Begam *Bāyqarā*.

Daughter of Sultān Ḥusain Mīrzā *Bāyqarā* and Pāyanda-sultān Begam *Mīrān-shōhī*; full sister of Ḥaidar *Bāyqarā*; first cousin of Bābar; wife of Bābar

XXVI. Bakhshī-bānū Begam.

Princess Good-fortune. Pers. *bakhsh*, fortune, and *bānū* (*vān*), possessing.

She was a daughter of Humāyūn and of Gūnwar Bibī, and was born in Jumāda I., 947H. (September, 1540), the year of the Timūrid exodus from India. She fell into the hands of her uncle 'Askarī with her father's camp and the baby Akbar in 1543. In 1545 she was sent with Akbar in the depth of winter from Qandahār to Kābul. In 957H. (1550), and when ten years old, she was betrothed by her father to Ibrāhīm, son of Sulaimān and Haram. Ibrāhīm (b. 1534) was six years older than Bakhshī-bānū, and he was killed in 1560, leaving her a widow of twenty. In the same year she was given in marriage by Akbar to Mīrzā Sharafu-d-dīn Husain Aḥrārī.

Gul-badan, 39b.

Akbar-nāma, s.n..

XXVII. Bakhtu-n-nisā' Begam.

Felicity of womanhood; Pers. *bakht*, felicity, fortune, and *nisā'*, woman.

She was a daughter of Humāyūn and Māh-chūchak, and was born in 957H. (1550). Gul-badan says that she received her name in accordance with Humāyūn's interpretation of a dream. There is, however, ground for thinking that she and Fakhru-n-nisā', both mentioned in the histories as daughters of Māh-chūchak, are one and the same person. Gul-badan enumerates three daughters of Māh-chūchak, and says that there were four. It is her habit to state, in such matters, one more than she names. She mentions Bakht, but not Fakhr.

Of Bakhtu-n-nisā' it is recorded in the histories that she came from Kābul to India with her son Diwālī, after the death of Mīrzā Muḥammad Hakīm, her brother (993H.—1584-85) and that she was concerned in a reconciliation effected by Salima-sultān Begam between Akbar and Salīm.

in 1539, and the two references may well be to the same woman.

Mems., 98.
Gul-badan, 33b.
Ilminsky, 116.

XXIII. Badī' u-l-jamāl Khānam Chaghatāi Mughal.

The khānam of rare beauty; Ar. *badī'*, astonishing, rare; *jamāl*, beauty.

Daughter of Sa'id Khān *Chaghatāi Mughal*, ruler of Kāshghar; and first cousin, once removed, of Bābar. She married Bāush Sultān of the Uzbek Kazāks. On her father's death, her brother Rashīd insisted upon her divorce, and then gave her in marriage to Muḥamadī *Barlās* whom Haidar Mīrzā styles 'a peasant.'

Tār. Rash., E. & R., 453.

XXIV. Badī' u-l-jamāl Begam Mīrān-shāhī. (No. 2.)

She was a daughter of Sultān Abū-sa'id Mīrzā *Mīrān-shāhī*. She went to India during Bābar's life; was at the double wedding of his daughters, and at the Mystic Feast in 1531.

Mems., 387.
Gul-badan, 11a, 18b, 24b.

XXV. Bairām (Maryam) Sultān.

Ilminsky calls her Bairam; Khwānd-amīr, Maryam. The Mems. give her no name.

She was the elder daughter of Sultān Ḥusain Mīrzā *Bāyqrā* and Minglī-bī *āghācha Uzbek*. She married Sayyid 'Abdu-l-lāh Mīrzā of Andikhūd (a Timūrid through his mother). She bore a son, Sayyid Birka, who served Bābar.

Ilminsky, 209.
Mems., 181.
Ḥabību-s-siyār, 327 *et seq.*

appears in the biography of poetesses by Fakhrī *amīrī*. Mirzā Haidar says that some of her children and of two other Mughal khānams (Daulat and Qūt-liq) who were forcibly married at the same time, were living and reigning in Transoxiana at the time of his writing the *Tārīkh-i-rashīdī*. She is, I think, the 'Āyisha named by Gul-badan on 76b.

Tār. Rash., 160, 192, 193.

Gul-badan, 76b.

Jawāhiru-l-'ajāib. Fakhrī *amīrī* (Bodleian MS.).

XXI. Bābū āghā (Māmā āghā).

Professor Blochmann writes the name *Bābū*; but *Bābā*, darling, or *Bānū*, lady, would seem more appropriate for a Persian woman.

She was the wife of Shihābu-d-dīn Aḥmad Khān *Nishāpūrī* and was related to Ḥamīda-bānū Begam *Jāmī*, Akbar's mother. Abū'l-faẓl calls her Māmā āghā. He says that she was a good woman, and that on her death Akbar went to her house and offered condolence because of her relationship to his mother.

Shihābu-d-dīn was *damād* of Māham *anaga*, and as *damād* is presumably used here in its more common sense of 'son-in-law,' Bābū āghā would seem to be a daughter of Māham *anaga*.

Akbar-nāma, *Bib. Ind.* ed., III. 716.

Aīn-i-akbarī, Blochmann, 333.

XXII. Bachaka Khalīfa.

Gul-badan, Bachaka; Mems., Bachaka; Ilminsky, Bīchkā. Vambéry (*Chaghatāische Sprachstudien*) has an appropriate word, *bechek*, Chok. (? Kokand), *zicrrath*; *ornament*. The name is presumably Chaghatāi Turkī, as the bearer of it was an old family servant of a Farghāna household.

Bachaka was a head woman-servant (*khalīfa*) of Bābar's household, and was one of two women who escaped with his mother and him from Samargand in 1501. There was a Bachaka whom Gul-badan calls a '*khalīfa* of my royal father,' lost at Chausa

ed., III. 145) are included 'Hājī and Gul-'izār, *farzand-in* of Mīrzā Kāmran.¹ We have already the three names required by Firishta and Khāfi Khān, *i.e.*, Gul-rukh, Hābiba and 'Āyisha. Gul-'izār is 'superfluous.' Perhaps *farzandān* may be read 'offspring,' and she may be a granddaughter. Or Hābiba or 'Āyisha may have predeceased Kāmran, and for this reason three girls only be specified by historians who wrote of the time of his death.

Which one of the daughters was the Hājī Begam of 983H. is not clear.² It would seem that this was her second pilgrimage, since she is enrolled as Hājī before starting. Kāmran's daughters may have gone—one or all—to Makka after his blinding and during the four years of his life there. Of the three, Gul-rukh is the only one of whom it is on record that she was widowed in 983H., and therefore quite free to make the *Hajj*. Ibrāhīm Husain died in 981H. (1573).

Hājī Begam was visited by Akbar and she died in 991H. (1583).

Gul-badan, 77a, 78a.

Akbar-nāma, III. 145, 373, 375.

XX. 'Āyisha-sultān Khānam and Khātīm, Mughal Khānam, Chaghatāi Mughal.

Daughter of Sultān Maḥmūd Khān. In 909H. (1503) she, together with other ladies of her father's household, was captured by Shaibānī and was married by him. She bore him a son, Muḥammād-rahīm Sultān. She wrote Turkī verses, and her name

¹ Mr. Beveridge tells me that a MS. *Akbar-nāma* belonging to the R.A.S. has *wa* (and) before *farzandān*, but it does not seem practicable to read this.

² Professor Blochmann (*Ā'in*, p. 465, No. 187) has (by a slip of reference numbering) confused Hājī Begam, daughter of Kāmran, with Hājī Begam, Bega Begam, widow of Humāyūn. The latter died in 989H. before Gul-badan's party returned. Bega Begam went to Makka in 972H..

badan meant this note as to parentage to apply to both begams (Nos. 11 and 12). (*Cf. App. s.n. Sultān.*)

Gul-badan, 6b, 24b.

Mems., 22, 78, 90.

XIX. Āyisha-sultān Begam Mīrān-shāhī.

Daughter of Kāmran Mīrzā.

Firishta (lith. ed., 241) and Khāfi Khān (I. 122) say that Kāmran left one son and three daughters.

The son is called Ibrāhīm by Gul-badan, and in the early part of the *Akbar-nāma*. (*Bib. Ind.*, ed., I. 226.) Later the A. N. and other sources call him Abū'l-qāsim, which may be a hyonymic (*kunyat*).

As to the three girls, Firishta, without naming them, gives the information that:

No. 1 married (a) Ibrāhīm Husain Mīrzā (*Bāyqarā*).

No. 2 „ (b) Mīrzā 'Abdu-r-raḥman *Mughal*.

No. 3 „ (c) Fakhru-d-dīn *Mashhadī* who died in 986H. or 987H. (No. 88 of Blochmann's list. *Āin-i-akbarī*, p. 406).

Khāfi Khān's information coincides with Firishta's verbally as to No. 3, and actually as to No. 1 and No. 2. For Ibrāhīm can be described as a son of a 'paternal uncle,' if these words are used in the wide sense given to them by contemporary writers. So, too, can 'Abdu-r-raḥman, if he be No. 183 of Blochmann's list—a Dughlāt Mughal and cousin of Mīrzā Haidar.

If we take the girls' names from other sources we can (conjecturally in part) fill up the table.

1. Gul-rukh is known in history as the wife of Ibrāhīm Husain Mīrzā *Bāyqarā*.

2. Kāmran's eldest daughter, Hābiba, was forcibly parted from her husband, Āq Sultān, in about 1551-52, and this would allow re-marriage to (b) or (c). Āq Sultān went to Makka from Sind 1551-52 (*cir.*), and his name disappears thenceforth.

3. 'Āyisha may also have married (b) or (c).

In the list of the pilgrims of 983H. (*A. N. Bib. Ind.*

a kinsman of Qāsim Sultān, and by whom she had 'Abdu-l-lāh Sultān *Uzbek* who entered Bābar's service.

'Āyisha was at the Mystic Feast in 1531, and she was lost at Chausa in 1539 (946H.).

Khwānd-amīr gives 929H. (1522-23) as a date at which 'Āyisha was in Qāsim Sultān's *haram*, but this does not agree with Bābar's narrative. His entry that 'Abdu-l-lāh was in his service and although young, acquitting himself respectably, cannot at latest have been made after 1530. From 1522 to 1530 is all too short for widowhood, remarriage, birth of 'Abdu-l-lāh, and his growth to respectable military service.

Gul-badan, 24b, 33b.

Mems., 182.

Habību-s-siyār, lith. ed., 327 *et seq.*

XVIII. 'Āyisha-sultān Begam Mīrān-shāhī. (? No. 11.)

Third daughter of Sultān Aḥmad Mīrzā Mīrān-shāhī and Qūtūq (Katak) Begam. She was a first cousin of Bābar, and his first wife. They were betrothed in Samarqand when he was five years old, 894H. (1488-89), and married in Sha'bān, 905H. (March, 1500), at Khojand during the 'troubles' i.e., conflict with Khwāja Shāh and Aḥmad Tambol. Bābar says that at first he had no small affection for 'Āyisha and that it declined. She was the mother of his first child, Fakhru-n-nisā' (born 907H., 1501). She left Bābar before the overthrow (*wirānī*) of Tāshkand by Shaibānī in 909H. (1503), being influenced by the 'machinations' of her elder sister, probably Salīqa, who was married to one of those many kinsmen who tried to overthrow the boy-king of Farghāna.

Gul-badan mentions an 'Āyisha Sultān Begam (No. 11) as being at the Mystic Feast, without describing her. The following entry (No. 12) is that of Sultānī, a daughter of Sultān Aḥmad Mīrzā, and described as being such. It seems likely that Gul-

XV. 'Aqīqa ('Afifa) Begam *Mīrān-shāhī*. (No. 47.)

Her name may be 'Aqīqa, a cornelian, etc., or 'Afifa, a chaste, modest woman. Our begam's MS. allows both readings. I have used the first but the second seems the more appropriate in sense.

She was a daughter of Humāyūn and Bega and second child of both parents. She was born in Āgra in 1531. It is only from her aunt Gul-badan that anything is known of her. She went to Guālār with her mother in (?) 1534; she was at Hindāl's feast in 1537, and she was lost at Chausa on June 27th, 1539.

Gul-badan, 22a, 23b, 25, 33b, 34b.

XVI. *Ātūn māmā*. (No. 38.)

An *ātūn* is a teacher of reading, writing, and embroidery, etc. *Māmā* seems to be the title of old women-servants.

Bābar mentions an *ātūn* in 1501. He met her at Pashāghar whither she had come on foot from Samarqand and where she again joined her old mistress, Bābar's mother, Qutluq-nigār Khānam. She had been left behind in the city after Shaibānī's capture of it because there was no horse for her to ride.

Gul-badan mentions an *ātūn māmā* as at Hindāl's wedding feast, and as *māmā* seems to be used for old servants, it is possible that she is the woman mentioned by Bābar.

Gul-badan, 26a.
Mems., 99.

XVII. 'Āyisha-sultān Begam *Bāyqarā*. (No. 9.)

Ar. 'aish, joy, and *sultān*, sway, pre-eminence. Cf. App. s.n. Daulat.

Daughter of Sultān Husain Mirzā *Bāyqarā* and Zobaida *āghācha* of the Shaibān sultāns. 'Āyisha married, (1) Qāsim Sultān *Uzbeq*, a Shaibān sultān, and by him became the mother of Qāsim Husain Sultān *Uzbeq*, an amīr of Bābar and Humāyūn; (2) by *yanga-lik* (cf. App. s.n. Jāmal), Būran Sultān,

XII. Āq Begam Bāyqarā.

Turkī, *āq*, fair. The word is frequently a sobriquet and the bearer's personal name is occasionally known; *e.g.*, Yasīn-daulat, Āq Sultān; Salīqa Begam, Āq Begam. But frequently the personal name is not traceable.

Daughter of Sultān Husain Mīrzā Bāyqarā and Pāyanda Sultān Begam Mīrān-shāhī; first cousin of Bābar; wife of Muḥammad Qāsim Arlat.¹ She had one daughter, known as the Black-eyed (*qarā-gūz*) Begam.

Mems., 181.

XIII. Āq Begam Mīrān-shāhī. (No. 3.)

Āq Begam was a daughter of Abū-sa'īd Mīrān-shāhī and Khadīja. She was one of the several paternal aunts of Bābar who went to India at his invitation. She reached Āgra in October, 1528 (Safar, 935H.), and was met by her nephew. She was present at the double wedding of Gul-rang and Gul-chihra in 1530 (937H.), and was probably at Bābar's death-bed. She was at the Mystic Feast on December 19th, 1531 (Jumāda I. 9th, 938H.).

Gul-badan, 11a, 18b, 20a, 24b.

Mems., 179, 182, 387.

XIV. Aq Begam Mīrān-shāhī.

Third daughter of Sultān Maḥmūd Mīrzā Mīrān-shāhī and Khānzāda Begam Termizī; and first cousin of Bābar. The Memoirs do not mention her marriage or (as usual alternative) early death. She was full sister of a wife of Bābar, Zainab.

Mems., 30.

(Aq Begam, Salīqa, *q.v.*)

¹ Muḥammad Qāsim was a Timūrid through his grandmother, Bega Begam, the sister of 'Abdu-l-qāsim Bābar *qalandar*, King of Khurāsān (died 1457).

IX. Āi Begam *Mīrān-shāhī*.

Turkī, *āī*, moon. Her name is not mentioned in the Memoirs, but is so by Ilminsky (Mems., 30; Ilminsky, 34, line 7 from foot).

She was the fourth daughter of Sultān Maḥmūd Mīrzā *Mīrānshāhī* and Khānzāda *Termezī* II.; and wife of Jahāngīr Mīrzā, half-brother of Bābar. She was betrothed in 901H. (1495-96), married in 910H. (1504-5), bore one daughter, and was widowed not later than 914H. (1508-9).

Mems., 30, 128.

Pavet de Courteille, I. 57, 262.

X. Āka Begam *Bāyqarā*.

Āka is clearly a title; her personal name I have not found. Her sister who is styled *Bedka*, appears to be named Rābi'a-sultān.

Daughter of Maṣṣūr Mīrzā *Bāyqarā* and Fīroza Begam *Mīrān-shāhī*, full and elder sister of Sultān Husain Mīrzā. Bābar states (Mems., 176, 177) that she married (his uncle) Sultān Aḥmad Mīrzā, and had a son, Kīchak Mīrzā (the young or small prince). But he does not mention her, either as *Āka* or otherwise, amongst Aḥmad's wives (Mems., 22), and he says that Aḥmad had two sons who died young. Kīchak, however, lived to change his military occupations for literature.

It is singular that a marriage of the oldest *Mīrān-shāhī* of his generation with the oldest *Bāyqarā* girl should not have been entered in Aḥmad's biographical notice.

Mems., 22, 23, 176, 177.

(Ālūsh—Anūsh—Begam, Ūlūs, *q.v.*)

XI. Amīna Begam *Mīrān-shāhī*.

Ara., *amīn*, faithful.

Daughter of Humāyūn and Māh-chūchak.

Gul-badan, 71a.

V. Āghā Begam Bāyqarā.

She was a daughter of Sultān Husain Mīrzā Bāyqarā and of Pāyanda Sultān Begam Mīrān-shāhī. Her descent being so high through both parents, her name *Āghā* rises above its frequent application to wives of less degree. Here it may have the meaning of *chief* or *great*. She married her cousin Murād who was a son of Rābī'a-sultān Begam (Bedka). The *Habību-s-siyār*, 327 *et seq.* (lith. ed.), states that she died before she reached maturity, but this does not agree with Bābar's statements. The *Habīb* places her death earlier than 912H. (1506).

Mems., 181.

Habību-s-siyār, lith. ed., 327 *et seq.*

VI. Aghā kūka. (No. 78.)

Wife of Mun'im Khān ; at Hindāl's Feast (1537).

Gul-badan, 26a.

VII. Āghā-sultān āghācha. (No. 37.)

(?) The lady of chief honour.

She was a wife of 'Umar Shaikh Mīrzā (died 1494), and mother of Yādgār Sultān Begam (Bābar's half-sister). She was present at Hindāl's marriage feast (1537), and probably at the Mystic Feast, in 1531. She is classed amongst 'our begams.'

Gul-badan, 25b.

Mems., 10, 14.

VIII. Āghā-sultān Sultanam Dughlāt.

She was a daughter of Muḥammad Haidar Mīrzā *Dughlāt*, and therefore aunt of the author of the *Tārīkh-i-rashūdī*. She married 'Abdu-l-qadūs Beg *Dughlāt* in Kāshghar, after 877H. (1472-73). Her husband was alive in 900H. (1494-95), and was governor of Khost for Sultān Maḥmūd Mīrzā Mīrān-shāhī.

Mems., 27.

Tār. Rash., F. and R., 95, 103.

she was an affectionate and devoted woman, and says that her tender care of her husband in illness surpassed that of all the other ladies of the *haram*.

News of her death reached Bābar when he was besieging Chandīrī in 934H. (January, 1528).

Mems., 182, 183, 204.

II. Āfāq Begam. (No. 26.)¹

She was a daughter of Sultān-bakht Begam; her father's name has not yet come to my knowledge; she was a grand-daughter of Sultān Abū-sa'īd Mīrzā.

Babar mentions the arrival of a daughter of Sultān-bakht Begam in Āgra in 935H. (October, 1528), and Gul-badan supplies the name Āfāq by naming an Āfāq of this parentage as at the Mystic Feast in 938H. (1531).

Gul-badan. Persian text, 25*b*.
Mems., 387.

(*Afghānī āghācha*, the Afghān lady. See Mubārīka Bibī.)

III. Afroz-bānū Begam. (No. 33.)

Pers. *afroz*, dazzling, illuminating, and *bānū*, (?) a form of *bān* (*vān*), which in composition means holding, possessing. Also a prince or chief.

Nothing is said to identify her. She was at the Mystic Feast (1531).

Gul-badan, 25*b*.

IV. Āghā Begam. (No. 34.)

Turkī, *āghā*, a title of honour, and Ar. *sultān*, sway, pre-eminence. Steingass classes the word *āghā* as Persian. It may be *āka*, lady. The dictionaries do not apply it to women.

Mentioned as at the Mystic Feast in 1531. She may be *Bāyqarā* (*infra*).

Gul-badan, 25*b*.

¹ Numbers so entered are those of Gul-badan's guest-list, 24*b et seq.*

APPENDIX A.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTICES OF THE WOMEN MENTIONED BY BĀBAR, GUL-BADAN, AND HAIDAR.¹

I. Āfāq (Āpāq) Begam.

Princess of the Universe ; Ar. *āfāq*, four quarters, universe, etc..

She is mentioned, without clue to her parentage, by Babar, as a wife of Sultān Husair Mirzā *Bāyqarā*. He mentions her again, with others of the mirzā's widows, as seen in Harāt in 912H. (1506-7), and here his wording, both in the Turkī and the Persian texts, allows the inference that she is a daughter of Sultān Abū-sa'id *Mīrān-shāhī*. Mr. Erskine translates the passage thus : 'Pāyanda Sultān Begam, my father's sister, Khadīja Begam and the other (Turkī, *yena*; Pers., *dīgar*) daughters of Sultān Abū-sa'id Mirzā.'

When greeting the ladies, Bābar gave Āfāq precedence over Khadīja, and notes the fact. Khadīja was not a woman of birth.

Husain *Bāyqarā* married three daughters of Abū-sa'id, Shahr-bānū, Pāyanda, and Āfāq. The last bore him no child, but she reared and educated nine children of his by her own foster-sister, Bābā *āghācha*.

Early in 932H. (1525) she went from Harāt to Kābul and was received by Bābar (before his departure for India in November, 1525) with all possible respect and kindness. He gives the impression that

¹ This Appendix makes no pretence at completeness. It contains the gatherings in of work on Gul-badan Begam's *Humāyūn-nāma*.

rest who all bore the mark of Mīrzā Kāmran's hand, with one voice represented to his Majesty: 'Brotherly custom has nothing to do with ruling and reigning. If you wish to act as a brother, abandon the throne. If you wish to be king, put aside brotherly sentiment. What kind of wound was it that befell your blessed head in the Qibchāq defile through this same Mīrzā Kāmran? He it was whose traitorous and crafty conspiracy with the Afghāns killed Mīrzā Hindāl. Many a Chaghatāi has perished through him; women and children have been made captive and lost honour. It is impossible that our wives and children should suffer in the future the thrall and torture of captivity. (82*b*) With the fear of hell before our eyes¹ (we say that) our lives, our goods, our wives, our children are all a sacrifice for a single hair of your Majesty's head. This is no brother! This is your Majesty's foe!'

To make an end of words, one and all urgently set forth: 'It is well to lower the head of the breacher of a kingdom.'

His Majesty answered: 'Though my head inclines to your words, my heart does not.' All cried out: 'What has been set before your Majesty is the really advisable course.' At last the Emperor said: 'If you all counsel this and agree to it, gather together and attest it in writing.' All the amīrs both of the right and left assembled. They wrote down and gave in that same line (*miṣrā'*): 'It is well to lower the head of the breacher of the kingdom.' Even his Majesty was compelled to agree.

When he drew near to Rohtās, the Emperor gave an order to Sayyid Muḥammad: 'Blind Mīrzā Kāmran in both eyes.' The sayyid went at once and did so.

After the blinding, his Majesty the Emperor²

END OF THE MS.

¹ *bar jahannum*, which I take as an oath. Cf. *bar haq*.

² Here in the MS. volume follows folio 83, which I have conjectured should follow folio 73*b*, and have placed there.

monster, Mīrzā Kāmran had not come that night, this calamity would not have descended from the heavens.

His Majesty sent letters to his sisters in Kābul, and the city at once became like one house of mourning. Doors and walls wept and bewailed the death of the happy, martyred mīrzā.

Gul-chihra Begam had gone to Qarā Khān's house. When she came back, it was like the day of resurrection.¹ Through weeping and sorrow she fell quite ill and went out of her mind.

It was by Mīrzā Kāmran's evil fate that Mīrza Hindāl became a martyr. From that time forth we never heard that his affairs prospered. On the contrary, they waned day by day and came to naught and perished. (81*b*) He set his face to evil in such fashion that fortune never befriended him again nor gave him happiness. It was as though Mīrzā Hindāl had been the life, or rather the light-giving eye of Mīrzā Kāmran, for after that same defeat he fled straight away to Salīm Shāh, the son of Shīr Khān. Salīm Shāh gave him a thousand *rupīs*.² Then the mīrzā told in what position he was, and asked help. Salīm Shāh said nothing openly in reply, but in private he remarked: 'How can a man be helped who killed his own brother, Mīrzā Hindāl? It is best to destroy him and bring him to naught.' Mīrzā Kāmran heard of this opinion and one night, without even consulting his people, he resolved on flight and got away, and his own men had not even a word of it. They stayed behind and when news of the flight reached Salīm Shāh, he imprisoned many of them.

Mīrzā Kāmran had gone as far as Bhīra and Khūsh-āb when Adam Ghakkar, by plot and stratagems, captured him and brought him to the Emperor. (82*a*)

To be brief, all the assembled khāns and sultāns, and high and low, and plebeian and noble, and soldiers and the

¹ Khwānd-amīr compares a hustle of people to the day of resurrection.

² A scornful measure of Kāmran's fall. The date is the end both of 1552 and of 959H..

merciless sword had touched my heart and eyes, or Sa ādat-yār, my son's, or Khizr Khwāja Khān's ! Alas ! a hundred regrets ! Alas ! a thousand times alas ! (80b)

HEMISTICH.

O well-a-day ! O well-a-day ! O well-a-day !
My sun is sunk behind a cloud.

All may be said in a word : Mīrzā Hindāl gave his life freely for his sovereign.

Mīr Bēbā Dost lifted him up and carried him to his quarters. He told no one, and fetched servants and placed them at the entrance and gave orders : ' Tell everyone who asks, that the mīrzā is badly wounded and that the Emperor forbids anyone to enter.'

Then he went and said to his Majesty : ' Mīrzā Hindāl is wounded.' The Emperor called for a horse ; ' I will go and see him.' Mīr 'Abdu-l-ḥaī said : ' He is badly hurt. It is not desirable that you should go.' He understood, and however much he tried,¹ he could not help it, he broke down.

Jūi-shāhī² was Khizr Khwāja Khān's *jāgīr*. The Emperor sent for him and said : ' Take Mīrzā Hindāl to Jūi-shāhī and care for his burial.' The khān took the camel's bridle,³ and when he was going away with weeping and lament and voice uplifted in grief, (81a) his Majesty heard of the mourning and sent him word : ' We must have patience ! This sorrow touches my heart more closely than yours, but I do not give way because I think of our bloodthirsty, tyrannical foe. With him at hand, there is no help but patience.' Then the khān with a hundred regrets, miserable and stricken, conveyed the body to Jūi-shāhī, and there laid and left it.

If that slayer of a brother, that stranger's friend, the

shows that she mourned his loss many years. Her book lets us see a group of living and feeling men and women.

¹ *ḥafz kardand*. Perhaps as a matter of etiquette which demands composure in public.

² Text, Jūsāhī, the modern Jalālābād, on the road to Kābul.

³ *i.e.* that of the camel which bore the corpse.

earlier services in one scale and the service of this night in the other. God willing! whatever claim you can make, you shall be exalted to its degree.¹ One by one he allotted their posts, and then called for his own cuirass and surtout, and high cap and helmet.

His wardrobe-keeper had lifted up the wallet when someone sneezed,² and he set it down for a while. Because of this delay, the *mīrzā* sent to hurry him. Then the things were brought quickly, and he asked: 'Why were you so long?' The man replied: 'I had lifted the wallet when someone sneezed, and I therefore put it down. So there was a delay.' (80a)

The *mīrzā* replied: 'You were wrong. (You should have) said rather: "May there be a blessed martyrdom."' Then he went on: 'Friends all! be my witness that I abjure all forbidden things and all indecorous acts.' Those present recited the *fāṭhiha* and prayed: 'May there be benediction.' He said: 'Bring my vest and cuirass and surtout.' He put them on and went out to the trenches to encourage and solace his men. Just then his *ṭabaqchī*,³ hearing his voice, cried: 'They are attacking me.' The *mīrzā*, hearing this, dismounted and said: 'Friends, it is far from brave to give no help when my servant is at the point of the sword.' He himself went down into the trench but not one of his followers dismounted. Twice he sallied from the trenches, and in this endeavour became a martyr.

I do not know what pitiless oppressor slew that harmless youth⁴ with his tyrant sword! Would to Heaven that

¹ Perhaps the notion of this sentence is, 'To-night's service will equal or outweigh previous services, and the lower to-night's scale is forced, the greater will be my largesse.'

² It is hardly necessary to say that sneezing is by many nations regarded as an omen of other things than catarrh.

³ Clerk of the scullery who has charge of plates and dishes, utensils which are often of value by material and by workmanship.

⁴ Hindāl was killed on Zī'l-qa'dā 21st, 958H. (November 20th, 1551). He was born before March 4th, 1519 (Mems., 258.), and was therefore in his thirty-third year.

Gul-badan always speaks of her brother with affection, and her story

there went Bega Begam, Hamīda-bānū Begam, Māh-chūchak Begam, and many others. I could not go because my son, Sa'adat-yār, was ill at the time. One day his Majesty, attended by Mirzā Hindāl, was hunting near the mountain passes. They had very good sport. The Emperor went towards where the mirzā was hunting and had made a very good bag. Following the rules of Chingiz Khān, the mirzā proffered his game to the Emperor, for it is a rule of Chingiz Khān that inferiors should so act towards their superiors. In short, he gave the Emperor all his game. Then it occurred to him: 'There is still my sisters' portion. (79a) They shall not complain again. I will hunt once more and get them a share.' Again he busied himself in hunting, and had taken one head of game, and was returning, when someone sent by Mirzā Kāmran blocked the road, and shot an arrow at the unwitting mirzā which struck his blessed shoulder. Acting on the thought 'God forbid my sisters and womenfolk should be upset by news of this,' he wrote off at once to say: 'Ill begun has ended well!¹ Do not be anxious, for I am getting better.' To finish the story: as it was hot, his Majesty went back to Kābul, and in the course of a year the arrow-wound got better.

A year later word was brought that Mirzā Kāmran had collected troops and was preparing for war. His Majesty also, taking military appurtenances, set out for the mountain passes (*tangayhā*) with Mirzā Hindāl. He went safe and well, and made his honouring halt in the passes. Hour by hour, and all the time, spies kept bringing news: 'Mirzā Kāmran has decided that an attack must be made to-night.' (79b) Mirzā Hindāl went to the Emperor and submitted his advice: 'Let your Majesty stay on this high ground, and let my brother (nephew) Jalālu-d-dīn Muḥammad Akbar *pādshāh* stay with you, so that careful watch may be kept on this height.' Then he called up his own men, and encouraged and cheered them one by one, and said: 'Put

¹ Repetition of a proverb already quoted.

Either at Chārīkārān or Qarā-bāgh there was fighting with Mīrzā Kāmārān and his Majesty's army was successful. The mīrzā fled to the mountain passes (*tangayhā*) and Lamghānāt.¹

Āq Sultān (Yasīn-daulat) who was the mīrzā's son-in-law, said in effect to him (*gufta bāshād*): 'You are continually thwarting the Emperor. What is the meaning of it? It is not what should be. (78a) Either make your submission and obeisance to the Emperor or give me leave to go, so that men may distinguish between us.' Mīrzā Kāmārān said fiercely: 'Have my affairs come to such a pass that *you* offer me advice?' Āq Sultān also spoke angrily, 'If I stay with you, my position will be unlawful,' and left him at once, and went with his wife (Habiba) to Bhakkar. The mīrzā wrote to Mīrzā Shāh Husain, and said: 'Āq Sultān has displeased me and has gone away. If he comes to Bhakkar, do not let his wife be with him. Part them and tell him to go where he likes.' Shāh Husain Mīrzā at once, on receiving the letter, deprived Habiba Sultān Begam of the company of Āq Sultān and let him depart for the blessed Makka.²

In the fight at Chārīkārān, Qarācha Khān³ and many of Mīrzā Kāmārān's well-known officers were killed.

Āyisha Sultān Begam⁴ and Daulat-bakht *aghācha* were in flight for Qandahār, and were captured at the Khimār Pass, and brought in by the Emperor's people. Mīrzā Kāmārān went to the Afghāns,⁵ and stayed amongst them. (78b)

From time to time his Majesty used to visit the orange-gardens. That year also, according to his old habit, he went to the mountain passes (*tangayhā*) to see the oranges. Mīrzā Hindāl was in attendance, and of the ladies (*haramān*),

¹ Niẓāmu-d-dīn Ahmad, 'mountains of Mandrūd.' B. & H., II. 393, 'by the Pass of Bādāj towards the Afghān country.'

² Kāmārān was the son-in-law of Mir Shāh Husain *Arghūn*, and was therefore able to secure this interference with Āq Sultān's domestic affairs.

³ Cf. Elliot, V. 233.

⁴ Kāmārān's daughter.

⁵ i.e., Lamghān.

Since such was the Divine will, a barbarian,—inwardly blind, an ill-fated oppressor and ill-omened tyrant,—inflicted a wound on the Emperor. The blow reached his blessed head, and all his forehead and his dear eyes were stained with blood.

It was just like it was in the Mughal war when the blessed head of his Majesty *Pīrdaus-makānī*, the Emperor Bābar, was wounded by a Mughal, and his high cap and the turban wrapped round it were not cut, but his blessed head was badly hurt. His Majesty Humāyūn used to say with surprise: 'I wondered at it, for cap and cloth were whole, and yet the head was cut.'¹ The very same thing happened now to his own head.

After the rout in the Qibchāq defile, his Majesty went to Badakhshān, and Mīrzā Hindal, and Mīrzā Sulaimān, and Mīrzā Ibrāhīm came and waited on him. (77b) He went² to Kābul and the mīrzās were in attendance, friendly and united and at peace together, when Mīrzā Kāmran approached. His Majesty sent a message to Hāram Begam: 'Ask my *kālīn*' to send me the army of Badakhshān as quickly as possible and ready for service.' In a few days, —a very short time,—the begam had given horses and arms to some thousands of men. She herself superintended and took thought and she came with the troops as far as the pass. From here she sent them forward, and while she went back they went on and joined the Emperor.

¹ 'Tambol let fall a heavy sword-blow on my head. It is a singular fact that, though not a thread of my cap of mail was injured, yet my head was severely wounded.' (Mems., 266. Also 111.)

² *Nizānu-d-dīn Ahmad*, 'after forty days.'

³ Cf. 77a n.. This story bears out Hāram's military reputation. Kāmran's power of attraction and Humāyūn's present risk can be gauged by the fact that even after the defeat at Chārikārān some 1,500 horse were with the former, and many amīrs again went over to him.

It was now that the remarkable compact which effected Kāmran's downfall was made between Humāyūn and his amīrs. (B. & H., II. 338.) These swore fidelity by whatever oath would bind them and then, at the instance of Hājī Muḥammad Khān *kūka*, Humāyūn bound himself to,—do as he was told. The compact was effective. The amīrs were the long-suffering victims of Humāyūn's folly and their present turning was, he admitted, justifiable.

Instantly hands were laid on Begī *aghā* Bibī, condemned of fate to die, and she was torn in pieces. In consequence of this affair, Mirzā Sulaimān and Mirzā Ibrāhīm were displeased with Mirzā Kāmran, or rather they became his enemies. (76b) They wrote to the Emperor that Mirzā Kāmran wished to thwart him and that this could not be better seen than in his failure to go to Balkh with him.

After this the mirzā, in Kūlāb,¹ could not find, in his terror-stricken thoughts, any better remedy than to become a darvish. He sent his son, Abū'l-qāsim (Ibrāhīm) to Mirzā 'Askarī, and betook himself to Taliqān with his daughter 'Āyisha (Sultān Begam), and said to his wife (Muhtarīma Khānam): 'Do you and your daughter follow me later. I will send for you to whatever place I settle on. Till then go and stay in Khost and Andar-āb.' The khānam was related to the Uzbek khāns, and some of her kinsfolk let the Uzbeks know: 'If you want booty, there are goods and men and women servants; take these, and let the lady go free, for if 'Āyisha Sultān Khānam's" nephew hears to-morrow (that she has been hurt), he will certainly be very angry with you.' By a hundred plans and wiles, and with a hundred anxieties, and without her goods, she got free from the Uzbek bondage, and reached Khost and Andar-āb. Here she stayed.

When Mirzā Kāmran heard of the royal disaster in Balkh, he said: 'The Emperor is not so friendly to me as he was.' (77a) So he left Kūlāb, and went hither and thither.

At this time (1550) his Majesty came out from Kābul. When he reached the Qibchāq defile, he incautiously halted in a low-lying place, and Mirzā Kāmran, coming from higher ground, armed and equipped, poured down foes upon him.

did not dare even to make war without her consent. Perhaps Kāmran's devotion extended to the armed force she disposed of. It was clearly in Tarkhān Begam's eye.

¹ In Kūlāb were the kinsfolk of his wife, Mūh Begam, sister of Hāram Begam, daughter of Sultān Wais *Qibchāq*, and sister of Chakr 'Alī Khān.

² *i.e.*, across whose country she had to travel.

³ (?) Mughal Khānam.

delight, brought word that Mīrzā Hindāl had arrived at Kunduz safe and sound. His Majesty gave Mīrzā Sulaimān leave to go to his own place, Qila' -i-zafar, and came himself to Kābul (1550, 957H.).

While Mīrzā Kāmran was in Kūlāb, a woman named Tarkhān¹ Bega, who was a thorough cheat, showed him the way by saying: 'Make a declaration of love to Hāram Begam.² Good will come of it.' Acting on these words of an ill-judging adviser, he actually sent a letter and a kerchief³ to Hāram Begam by the hand of Begī āghā. This woman laid the letter and the kerchief before the begam and then set forth the mīrzā's devotion and passion. Hāram Begam said: 'Keep that letter and that kerchief now and bring them again when the mīrzās come home.' Begī āghā then wept, and moaned, and coaxed, and said: 'Mīrzā Kāmran has sent you this letter and this kerchief; he has loved you a long time, and you have no pity for him.' (76a) Hāram Begam began to show her disgust and violent anger, and at once sent off for her husband, Mīrzā Sulaimān, and her son, Mīrzā Ibrāhīm. She said to them: 'Mīrzā Kāmran must have come to think you are cowards, since he sends me a letter like this. Have I deserved to be written to in this way? He is as your elder brother, and I am to him as a younger brother's wife.⁴ Send off a letter for me about it and rebuke him. As for this wretch of a woman, tear her piece by piece. Let her be a warning to others that no man may cast the evil eye of sinful thought upon another man's womanfolk. What does such a man deserve who, the son of a mother, yet does such monstrous things, and who fears neither me⁵ nor my son?'

¹ This title indicates rank. A 'Tarkhān Begam' was wife of Sulṭān Ahmad Mīrzā. (Mems., 22.)

² or Khurram. One of her sisters was a wife of Kāmran.

³ What fascination may lurk in an embroidered kerchief can be guessed by inspecting the dainty examples in the South Kensington Oriental Section.

⁴ *kālin*. Both here and at 77b this word seems to have wider meaning than is given by the Turkī and Persian dictionaries.

⁵ The begam's martial character spices this story, since her husband

day his men sallied out and drew up in battle array. The royal army carried off the victory, and Pir Muḥammad's men tasted defeat and returned to the city. By the next morning the khān had come to think: 'The Čuaghatai are strong; I cannot fight them. It would be better to get out and away.' Just then the royal officers joined in representing that the camp had become filthy, and that it would be well to move to a desert place (*dash*t). His Majesty ordered them to do so.

No sooner were hands laid on the baggage and pack-saddles, than others raised a clamour and some cried out: 'We are not strong enough.' Since such was the Divine will, the royal army took the road without cause from a foe, without reason or motive.¹ The news of their march reached the Uzbeks and amazed them. Try as the royal officers would, they produced not a scrap of effect. It could not be hindered: the royal army ran away. (75a)

The Emperor waited a little, and when he saw that no one was left, he too had to go. Mirzā 'Āskari and Mirzā Hindāl, not having heard of the confusion, rode up to the camp. They found no one and saw that the Uzbeks had gone in pursuit, so they too took the road and made for Kunduz. After riding a little way, his Majesty stopped and said: 'My brothers are not here yet: how can I go on?' He asked the officers and attendants whether anyone would bring him news of the princes. No one answered or went. Later on word came from the Mirzā's people in Kunduz that they had heard of the disaster and did not know where the princes had gone. This letter upset the Emperor very much. Khizr Khwāja Khān said: 'If you approve, I will bring news.' 'God's mercy on you!' rejoined his Majesty. 'May they have gone to Kunduz!' (75b)

Two days afterwards the khwāja, to the Emperor's great

¹ From other sources we learn that the royalists were anxious on two grounds; (1) as to the threatened arrival of an overwhelming Uzbek force from Bukhārā, and (2) lest Hāmran should again take Kābul and have their families at his mercy. The last was perhaps the dominant motive for the flight without a pursuer.

distance (*bīrūn*), and from there wrote separate letters to Bega Begam and to Ḥamīda-bānū Begam and to Māh-chūchak Begam and to me and to all the begams,¹ saying: 'Becoming spokeswoman of your own fault, write apologizing for the trouble you have given. God willing, I shall say farewell and go to join the army either at Farza or Istālif, and if not we shall travel apart.' (74a)

Then everyone wrote to apologize for having given trouble, and sent the letter for his holy and elevating service.

In the end his Majesty and all the begams mounted and rode by Lamghān to Bihzādī. At night each one went to her own quarters, and in the morning they ate (? alone), and at mid-day prayer-time rode to Farza.

Ḥamīda-bānū Begam sent nine sheep to the quarters of each one of us. Bibī Daulat-bakht had come one day earlier to Farza and had got ready plenty of provisions and milk and curd and syrup and sherbet and so on. We spent that evening in amusement. In the early morning (we went) above Farza to where there is a beautiful waterfall. Then his Majesty went to Istālif and passed three days, and then in 958H.² marched towards Balkh.

When he crossed the pass, he sent *farmāns* to summon Mīrzā Kāmran and Mīrzā Sulaimān and Mīrzā 'Askarī, and said: 'We are on the march to fight the Uzbegs; now is the time for union and brotherliness. You ought to come as quickly as possible.' Mīrzā Sulaimān and Mīrzā 'Askarī came and joined him. (74b) Then march by march they came to Balkh.

In Balkh was Pīr Muḥammad Khān,³ and on the first

¹ Humāyūn's comprehensive displeasure looks like a fit of temper directed against every and any one. It is possible, however, that a page which might describe other untoward matters besides unpunctuality, has been altogether lost. The sentence which now continues the story, places all the ladies, deprived of their evening of talk and amusement, in chastened solitude.

² B. & H., II. 368, has 956H. (1549), and other differences of detail.

³ Son of Jānī Beg, and uncle of the famous 'Abdu-l-lāh Khān *Uzbek*. He ruled till 974H. (1563-67).

royal tents nor the pavilions of the *begams* had arrived, but the *mihr-amez*¹ tent had come. We all, his Majesty and all of us, and Hamīda-bānū Begam sat in that tent till three hours past midnight and then we went to sleep where we were, in company with that altar of truth (Humāyūn).

Early next morning he wished to go and see the *rīwāj* on the Kōh. The begams' horses were in the village, so the starting-time passed before they came up. The Emperor ordered that the horses of everyone who was outside should be brought. When they came he gave the order : 'Mount.'

Bega Begam and Māh-chūchak Begam were still putting on their head-to-foot dresses, and I said to the Emperor : 'If you think well, I will go and fetch them.' 'Go,' he answered, 'and bring them quickly.' I said to the begams and to Māh-chūchak Begam and the rest of the ladies : 'I have become the slave of his Majesty's wishes. What trouble waiting gives !' I was gathering them all together and bringing them when he came to meet me and said : 'Gul-badan ! the proper hour for starting has gone by. (s3b) It would be hot the whole way. God willing, we will go after offering the afternoon prayer.' He seated himself in a tent with Hamīda-bānū Begam.² After afternoon prayers, there was the interval between two prayers before the horses arrived. In this interval he went away.³

Everywhere in the Dāman-i-kōh the *rīwāj* had put up its leaves. We went to the skirts of the hills and when it was evening, we walked about. Tents and pavilions were pitched on the spot and there his Majesty came and stayed. Here too we passed the nights together in sociable talk, and were all in company of that altar of truth.

In the morning at prayer-time, he went away to a

¹ Perhaps a tent of Humāyūn's invention, in the name of which *mihr* means *sun*. Cf. 'another of his (Humāyūn's) inventions was a tent which had twelve divisions, corresponding to the signs of the Zodiac. Every sign had a lattice through which the lights of the stars of dominion shone.' (*Akbar-nāma*, H. Beveridge I. 361.)

² Perhaps, a tent of Hamīda having come, he seated himself in it.

³ (?) the start was made to see the *rīwāj*.

‘When I join the army, I shall travel by the Koh-dāman, so that you may come out and see the *rīwāj* growing.’ It was at afternoon prayer-time that he rode out¹ (of Kābul) to the garden. Qulī Beg’s house where the begams were, was close by and overlooked it, and his Majesty pulled up as he passed, and all the begams saw him, and rose and made the *kornish*. (73b) Directly they had made this salutation, he beckoned with his own blessed hand, to say: ‘Come.’²

Fakhru-n-nisā’ *māmā* and Afghānī *āghācha* went on a little ahead. There was a stream in the lower part of the garden which Afghānī *āghācha* could not cross, and she fell off her horse. For this reason there was an hour’s delay.³ At last we set out with his Majesty. Māh-chūchak Begam not knowing, her horse went up a little.⁴ His Majesty was very much annoyed about this. The garden was on a height and the walls were not yet made. Some vexation now showed itself in his blessed countenance and he was pleased to say: ‘All of you go on, and I will follow when I have taken some opium and got over my annoyance.’ He joined us when we had, as he ordered, gone on a little. The look of vexation was entirely laid aside and he came with a happy and beautiful look in his face.

It was a moonlight night. (83a) We talked and told stories,⁵ and Mīr (fault) and Khānīsh *āghācha* and Zārīf the reciter and Sarū-sahī and Shāham *āghā* sang softly, softly.

Up to the time of our reaching Laghmān, neither the

¹ Presumably from Kābul, and on the day of starting for Balkh *viā* the Koh-dāman.

² The ladies seem to have been waiting for this signal to start.

³ Probably to allow for the coming of a less unpropitious hour. This expedition to Balkh ended in a way calculated to attract notice to ill-omens such as the begam’s misadventures would seem.

⁴ *andak buland raft*. Perhaps the horse reared, the begam not knowing how to manage it; but the later and otherwise irrelevant sentence about the unfinished wall suggests that the begam went too high up the hill. The party is now on its way to see the *rīwāj* growing, and Humāyūn’s temper is tried by the various contretemps of the ladies’ cavalcade.

⁵ A folio of the MS. is, I believe, misplaced, and folio 83 should come in here. In the MS. volume this is the last folio.

how then, should I seek the hurt of my brothers? May God grant to you all the same divine and beneficent guidance, so that our agreement and concord may endure!' (73a)

There was wonderful cheerfulness and happiness because many officers and their followers met their relations again, for they too had been sundered because of their masters' quarrels. Nay! one might rather say they had thirsted for one another's blood. Now they passed their time in complete happiness.

On his return from Badakhshān the Emperor spent a year and a half in Kabul and then resolved to go to Balkh. He took up his quarters in the Heart-expanding Garden,¹ and his own residence was over against the lower part of the garden, and the begams were in Qulī Beg's house because it was close by.

The begams said to the Emperor over and over again: 'Oh, how the *rūwāj*² will be coming up!' He replied:

¹ i.e., moved out of the city as a preliminary to marching.

² The following account of this plant is taken from Conolly's Travels, I., 213 n. It is translated by him from the *Makhāzinu-l-adwiya* (Treasury of Medicines). '*Rībās, rūvās, rūwāj* or *jigārī* (so named from a person of Nishāpūr who first discovered it) is a shrub two or three feet high, in appearance like beet (*salg*). In the middle are one or two short stems of little thickness; the leaves, which separate lengthwise like those of a lettuce, are downy and green, but towards the root, of a violet or whitish colour. The heart is white, delicate, juicy, acidulous and slightly astringent. Altogether the stalk is the size of a man's arm and when the plant is large every leaf has the size of a man's hand. Ard-shīr was named *Rāwand-dast* (rhubarb-hand) from the length of his hands. The root is called *rūwand* (rhubarb). The top is like the claw of a fowl. The flower is red, and the taste is subacid with a little sweetness. The seed is formed at the top of a long slender stalk which springs up annually in the centre of the plant. It grows where snow lies and in mountainous countries. The best grows in Persia. It is medicinally attenuating and astringent, gives tone to the stomach, and improves the appetite. A collyrium of the juice strengthens the eye and prevents opacity, and a poultice of it with barley-meal is a useful application to sores and boils. The juice of the *rūvās* is harsher than that of unripe grapes.' For mention of the name *rūwāj* see *Tabaqāt-i-akbarī*, Lucknow lith. ed., 215; *Tūzūk-i-jahāngīrī*, 47. Vullers, s.v., etc.. Mr. Erskine writes (Mems., 138 n.): 'It is described as somewhat like beetroot, but much larger, red and white in colour, with large leaves that rise little from the ground. It is a pleasant mixture of sweet and acid. It may be the rhubarb, *rāwand*.'

One day at Kishm¹ they had set up² the tents and there was an assembly of the brothers, his Majesty the Emperor Humāyūn, and Mīrzā Kāmṛān, and Mīrzā 'Askārī, and Mīrzā Hindāl, and Mīrzā Sulaimān.³

His Majesty enjoined certain regulations⁴ which are fixed for interviews with kings, and said: 'Bring ewer and basin so that we may wash our hands and eat together.' He washed his hands and Mīrzā Kāmṛān washed his. By years Mīrzā Sulaimān (b. 920H.) had precedence of Mīrzā 'Askārī (b. 922H.) and Mīrzā Hindāl (b. 925H.). So, to show him respect, the two brothers set the ewer and basin first before him.

After washing his hands Mīrzā Sulaimān did something improper with his nose. Mīrzā 'Askārī and Mīrzā Hindāl were much put out, and said: 'What rusticity is this? (72b) First of a'l, what right have we to wash our hands in his Majesty's presence? but when he bestows the favour and gives the order, we cannot change it. What sense is there in these nose-wagging performances?' Then the two mīrzās went and washed their hands outside and came back and sat down. Mīrzā Sulaimān was very much ashamed. They all ate at one tablecloth.

At this gathering his Majesty graciously remembered this lowly person, and said to his brothers: 'Gul-badan Begam used to say in Lāhōr: "I wish I could see all my brothers together!" As we have been seated together since early morning, her words have occurred to my mind. If it be the will of the most high God, may our assembly be kept in His own place! He knows without shadow that it lies not in my heart's depths to seek any Musalmān's ill;

¹ Abū'l-faḥl says the meeting was at Ishkāmish, and this seems to agree with the movements of Humāyūn better than Kishm.

² *khīrgā dokhta budand*. Certain tents are termed *dokhta*, sewed. They seem to have been large, and were laced together, whence, perhaps, *dokhta*.

For an interesting account of this historic family gathering see B. & H., II. 358 *et seq.*

³ 'Brother' by courtesy and custom; *anglice*, 'cousin.'

⁴ *Tūrā*, the Institutes of Chingiz Khān of which the begam makes other mention.

and brought something or other, and then left me alone.' Consider it as he might, he could only ask: 'What does this dream mean?' Then it occurred to him that, as a daughter had just been born, he would call her after the two, and taking *nīsā'* from one, and *bakht* from the other, would run them together into *Bakht-nīsā'*.

Māh-chūchak had four daughters¹ and two sons,—Bakht-nīsā' Begam, and Sakīna-bānū Begam, and Amīna-bānū Begam, and Muḥammad Hakīm Mirzā, and Farrukh-fāl Mirzā. (71*b*) She was with child when the Emperor went to Hindūstān (1554), and bore a son, in Kābul, whom they named Farrukh-fāl Mirzā. A little later Khānish *āghā* had a son whom they named Ibrāhīm Sultān Mirzā.

The Emperor spent a full year and a half in Kābul, prosperously and happily, and in comfort and sociability.²

After taking flight from Kābul, Mirzā Kāmrān went to Badakhshān, and there stayed in Tāliqān. One day the Emperor was in the Inner Garden,³ and when he rose at dawn for prayers, news came that many of the amīrs who formerly were with the mīrzā, had gone to him again. Amongst them were Qarācha Khān and Muṣāḥib Khān, and Mubārīz Khān and Bāpūs.⁴ Many wretches fled by night and went to join the mīrzā in Badakhshān.

In a propitious hour the Emperor also started for Badakhshān. He besieged the mīrzā in Tāliqān, and after a time made him agree to submit and become obedient (72*a*) when he waited on the Emperor, who bestowed Kulāb on him, and gave Qilā'-i-zafar to Mirzā Sulaimān, Qandahār (*sic*; (?) Kunduz) to Mirzā Hindāl, and Tāliqān to Mirzā 'Askarī.

¹ Gul-badan does not name Fakhru-n-nīsā' who became the wife of Shāh 'Abū'l-ma'ālī and of Khwāja Ḥasan *Naqshbandī*. Perhaps she is Bakht-nīsā'.

² From 1547; but a term of one and a half years does not quite fit the facts. Humāyūn started for the north on June 12th, 1548. (B & H., II. 352.)

³ *ōrta-bāgh*.

⁴ Perhaps it may be taken as an indication of the degradation of 'home life' that Qarācha and Bāpūs again joined Kāmrān, although the latter had exposed Qarācha's son and a wife of Bāpūs on the battlements, with the utmost dishonour, and had killed three of the latter's children and flung their bodies from the ramparts.

below. When all the city was asleep, there suddenly sounded (on the stair) a clashing and clinking of armour, so that we said to one another: 'What a noise!' Perhaps a thousand people were standing in front (of the fort). We were afraid, but all at once, without warning, off they went. Qarācha Khān's son Bahādur brought us word that the mīrzā had fled.¹

Having thrown a rope, they (or he) brought up Khwāja Mu'azzam by way of the wall.²

Our people and the begam's people and the rest who were outside, took away the door which had kept us fastened in. Bega Begam urged: 'Let us go to our own houses.' I said: 'Have a little patience. We should have to go by the lane and perhaps too someone will come from the Emperor.' At that moment 'Ambar Nāzir came and said: 'This is the royal order: "They are not to leave that place till I come."' In a little while the Emperor came and embraced Dil-dār Begam and me, and then Bega Begam and Hamīda-bānū Begam, and said: 'Come quickly out of this place. (71a) God preserve His friends from such a house, and let such be the portion of His foes.' He said to Nāzir: 'Guard one side,' and to Tardī Beg Khān: 'Guard the other, and let the begams pass out.' All came out, and we spent the evening of that day with the Emperor in perfect content till night became morning. We embraced Māh-chūchak Begam and Khānīsh *āghā* and those of the *haram* who had been with the Emperor on the campaign.

In Badakhshān Māh-chūchak had a daughter born. On the same night the Emperor had this dream: 'Fakhru-n-nisā', my *māmā*,³ and Daulat-bakht came in by the door,

¹ Niẓāmu-d-dīn Ahmad says that Kāmran escaped by a hole fashioned for the purpose in the wall 'on Khizr Khwāja's' side. This suggests that Gul-badan's husband connived at the evasion, unless one remembers that Khizr Khwāja is a place outside Kābul.

² I do not understand this sentence. Either the followers of Kāmran drew the khwāja up into the fort-precincts to take him with them, he having displeased Humāyūn and being nearly connected with him, or the ladies had him drawn up. He was, it seems, not a prisoner. (67b)

³ Fakhru-n-nisā', the mother of Nadīm *kūka*, would seem from this to have been Humāyūn's own attendant in childhood.

Bālā-i-ḥiṣār. Mīrzā Kāmran's men used to fire from the town upon the Emperor on the 'Uqābain. The royal soldiers put Mīrzā 'Askarī to stand right in front and made fun of him.

Mīrzā Kāmran's men also used to make sallies from the fort, and on both sides many were killed. The royal troops were often the victors and then the others had not courage to come out. For the sake of his wives and children and the begams and the household, etc., the Emperor did not have the cannon fired nor did he place the large houses in difficulty. (70a)

When the long siege was ended, they (*i.e.*, the ladies) sent Khwāja Dost Khāwand *madārchī*¹ to his Majesty to say: 'For God's sake, do whatever Mīrzā Kāmran asks, and save the servants of God from molestation.'²

The Emperor sent for their use from outside nine sheep, seven flasks of rose-water, one of lemonade, and seven sets of nine dress-lengths³ and some made-up jackets.³ He wrote:⁴ 'For their sakes, I could not use force against the citadel, lest I should give an advantage to their enemies.'⁵

During the siege Jahān Sultān Begam who was two years old, died. His Majesty wrote: 'Some time or other, if we had used force against the citadel, Mīrzā Muḥammad Akbar would have disappeared.'

To finish the story: There were always people in the Bālā-i-ḥiṣār from evening prayer till dawn, and there was a continuous uproar. The night Mīrzā Kāmran went away,⁶ prayer-time passed and indeed bedtime came, and there was no noise at all. (70b)

There was a steep stair by which people came up from

¹ Follower of the Musalmān saint Madār.

² This message seems one from the imprisoned ladies. The khwāja to whom it was entrusted may now, as in the earlier siege of Kābul, have been Kāmran's envoy to Humāyun.

³ *pārcha* and *nīmcha dokhta*. There seems between these words an apposition which I render by the Englishwoman's colloquial terms.

⁴ Presumably to some kinsman or official to whom the gifts were consigned.

⁵ *i.e.*, by injuring the royal household.

⁶ April 27th, 1547 (Rabi' I. 7th, 954H.).

Afkan,¹ the father of Shīroya, so that they might go out and fight. We saw from above² how he went out with his drums beating, out beyond Bābā Dashtī, and we said, 'God forbid you should fight,' and we wept. (69a) When he reached the Afghāns' village (*Dih-i-Afghānān*), the two vanguards came face to face. The royal advance-guard at once drove off the mīrzā's³ and, having taken many prisoners, brought them to the Emperor. He ordered the Mughals to be cut to pieces.⁴ Many of the mīrzā's men who had gone out to fight were captured and some of them were killed and some were kept prisoners. Amongst them was Jūkī Khān, one of Mīrzā Kāmrān's amīrs.

In triumph and glory and to the sound of music, the Emperor entered the 'Uqābain, with Mīrzā Hindāl in attendance and a splendid cavalcade. He set up for himself tents and pavilions and an audience hall.⁵ He gave Mīrzā Hindāl charge of the Mastān bridge,⁶ and stationed the amīrs one after another. For seven months he kept up the blockade.⁷ (69b)

It happened one day that Mīrzā Kāmrān went from his own quarters to the roof (? of the citadel), and that someone fired a gun from the 'Uqābain. He ran and took himself off. Then he gave this order about the Emperor Akbar: 'Bring him and put him in front.'⁸ Someone let his august Majesty (Humāyūn) know that Mīrzā Muḥammad Akbar was being kept on the front, so he forbade the guns to be fired and after that none were aimed at the

¹ Son of Quḥ Beg, an amīr who lost his life in trying to protect Bega Begam at Chausa.

² From the citadel where the ladies were.

³ The begam underrates Humāyūn's victory. The struggle was fierce, renewed and stubborn.

⁴ Doubtful translation.

⁵ I think she merely wishes to say that Humāyūn camped out on the 'Uqābain, and did not take up quarters under a roof.

⁶ Under it flows the stream which issues from the defile of Dih-i-ya'qūb. Cf. *Āin*, Jarrett, I. 404.

⁷ Of the Bālā-i-ḥiṣār, the actual citadel.

⁸ Gul-badan's narrative does not support the story that Māham anaga exposed herself to save Akbar. This person,—who later on became so important,—is nowhere named by the begam as in charge of Akbar. Her husband, Nadīm kūka, is so named.

When he came near to Kābul, Mīrzā Kāmran sent for her Highness my mother and for me from the Louse,¹ and gave my mother orders to reside in the armourer's house. To me he said: 'This is your house as well as mine. You stay here.' 'Why,' I asked, 'should I stay here? I will stay with my mother.' He then went on: 'Moreover, write to Khizr Khwāja Khān and tell him to come and join me and to keep an easy mind, for just as Mīrzā 'Askarī and Mīrzā IIindāl are my brothers, so is he. Now is the time to help.' I answered: 'Khizr Khwāja Khān has no way of recognising a letter² from me. I have never written to him myself. He writes to me when he is away, by the tongue of his sons. Write yourself what is in your mind.' At last he sent Mahdī Sultān³ and Shīr 'Alī to fetch the khān. From the first I had said to the khān: 'Your brothers may be with Mīrzā Kāmran, (but) God forbid that you should have the thought of going to him and joining them. (csl) Beware, a thousand times beware of thinking of separating yourself from the Emperor.' Praise be to God! the khān kept to what I said.

When the Emperor heard that Mīrzā Kāmran had sent Mahdī Sultān³ and Shīr 'Alī to fetch Khizr Khwāja Khān, he himself despatched Qambar Beg, the son of Mīrzā Hāji, to the khān, who was then in his own *jāgīr*, and said: 'Beware, a thousand times beware! Let there be no joining Mīrzā Kāmran. Come and wait on me.' The result of this auspicious message was that the khān set out at once for court, and came to the 'Uqābain (Hill of the two eagles) and paid his respects.

When the Emperor passed Minār Hill, Mīrzā Kāmran sent forward all his well-ordered soldiers under Shīr

¹ Presumably the brick and mud quarters of the ladies.

² *Suūd na dārad ki khaṭ-i-marā shīnasad*. I understand that he had not seen her handwriting, and would not know whether a letter purporting to be hers was a forgery. Gul badan names one son only, Sa'adat-yār, as being her own. She is now about twenty-five

³ Brother of Khizr and of Yasīn-daulat (Āq Sultān).

these common people. He at once killed Uncle Muḥammad Alī¹ who was in the hot bath. He alighted at the college of Mullā 'Abdu-l-khāliq.

When the Emperor was starting for Qila'-i-ẓafar, he placed Naukāṛ² at the door of the *ḥaram*. Mirzā Kāmṛān must have asked: 'Who is in the Bālā-i-ḥiṣār?' and someone must have said: 'It is Naukāṛ.' Naukāṛ heard of this and at once put on a woman's dress and went out. The mīrzā's people laid hands on the doorkeeper of the fort, and took him to Mirzā Kāmṛān, who ordered him to be imprisoned. (67*b*) The mīrzā's people went into the Bālā-i-ḥiṣār, and plundered and destroyed innumerable things belonging to the *ḥaram*, and they made settlement³ for them in Mirzā Kāmṛān's court (*sarkār*). He put the great begams into Mirzā 'Askarī's house and there he shut up a room with bricks and plaster and (?) dung-cakes, and they used to give the ladies water and food from over the four walls.⁴

In what was once Mirzā Yādgār-nāṣir's house he put Khwāja Mu'azzam⁵ and ordered his own wives and family to stay in the palace where the royal *ḥaram* and the begams once lived. He behaved very ill indeed to the wives and families of the officers who had left him for the Emperor, ransacking and plundering all their houses and putting each family into somebody's custody.⁶

When the Emperor heard that Mirzā Kāmṛān had come from Bhakkar and was acting in this way, he returned from Qila'-i-ẓafar and Andar-āb safe and sound to Kābul. Qila'-i-ẓafar he gave to Mirzā Sulaimān. (68*a*)

¹ Brother of Māham Begam.

² Probably the servant sent with gifts by Bābar from Āgra to Kābul. The name looks like that of an Abyssinian. Is it 'new in work,' and a sobriquet given in youth and retained?

³ *zabt wa rabṭ*. Is this an indication of Gul-badan's opinion that Kāmṛān profited by the robbery of his relations? His cruelties at this time make theft look innocent. (B. & H., II. 336 *et seq.*)

⁴ The translation of this passage is doubtful.

⁵ An undue honour, perhaps prompted by the khwāja's disgrace with Humāyūn.

⁶ Probably for the exploitation so often named in the histories.

foot¹ dresses were bestowed. Peasants and preachers, the pious, the poor and the needy, noble and plebeian, low and high,—everybody lived in peace and comfort, passing the days in amusement and the nights in talk.

Then the Emperor went to Fort Victory (Qila'-i-zafar).² In it was Mirzā Sulaimān, who came out to fight but could not stand face to face with his Majesty and so decided to run away. The Emperor then entered the fort safe and sound. Then he went to Kishm, where, after a little while, an illness attacked his blessed frame and he slept day and night.³ When he came to his senses, he sent Mun'im Khān's brother, Faẓā'il Beg, to Kābul, and said: 'Go! comfort and reassure the people of Kābul. Set them at ease in various ways.⁴ Let them not quarrel. Say: "It began ill, but has ended well."' (67a)

When Faẓā'il Beg had gone, he (Humāyūn) went one day nearer Kābul.⁵

False news having been sent to Mīrzā Kāmran in Bhakkar, he set out post-haste for Kābul. In Ghaznī he killed Zāhid Beg⁶ and then came on. It was morning; the Kābulis were off their guard; the gates had been opened in the old way, and water-carriers and grass-cutters were going in and out, and the mīrzā passed into the fort with all

¹ Perhaps there is expressed here a difference of degree of honour in the *khī'lat* and *sar-u-pāū*.

² Sulaimān had not made submission to Humāyūn,—hence this expedition to Badakhshān.

³ He is said to have been insensible for four days. He was nursed by Māh-chūchak and Bibi Fāṭima, an armed woman (*ordū-begī*) of the *haram*. She was, it would seem, mother of Zuhra *īghā*, the wife of Khwāja Mu'azzam, and to save whose life Akbar nearly lost his own. (Elliot, V. 292; B. & H., II. 330 *et seq.*)

⁴ (?) As to his health, and their own safety from Kāmran's return, and the continuance of the situation as he had left it. The illness and convalescence lasted at least two months. He fell ill in Shāhdān, between Khishm and Qila'-i-zafar, and Qarācha Khān, his *vazīr*, behaved with decision and good sense, so that Humāyūn's authority was upheld.

⁵ Doubtful translation. Humāyūn is elsewhere said to have gone to Qila'-i-zafar to recruit, and Faẓā'il to have arrived in Kābul a few hours after the first news there of the illness. Perhaps one of these occurrences is behind this obscure statement.

⁶ Husband of Bega Begam's sister.

been wounded and killed at Chauṣa and Kanauj, or Bhakkar, or who were in the royal service during those intermissions,¹ he gave pension, and rations, and water, and land, and servants. In the days of his Majesty's good fortune, great tranquillity and happiness befell soldiers and peasants. They lived without care, and put up many an ardent prayer for his long life. (66a)

A few days later he sent persons to bring Hamīda-bānū Begam from Qandahār. When she arrived, they celebrated the feast of the circumcision of the Emperor Jalālu-d-dīn Muḥammad Akbar. Preparations were made, and after the New Year² they kept splendid festivity for seventeen days. People dressed in green,³ and thirty or forty girls were ordered to wear green and come out to the hills. On the first day of the New Year they went out to the Hill of the Seven Brothers and there passed many days in ease and enjoyment and happiness. The Emperor Muḥammad Akbar was five years old when they made the circumcision feast in Kābul. They gave it in that same large Audience Hall Garden.⁴ They decorated all the bāzārs. Mirzā Hindāl and Mirzā Yādgar-nāṣir, and the sultāns and amīrs, decorated their quarters beautifully, and in Bega Begam's garden the begams and ladies made theirs quite wonderful in a new fashion.

All the sultāns and amīrs brought gifts to the Audience Hall Garden. (66b) There were many elegant festivities and grand entertainments, and costly *khi'luts* and head-to-

¹ Text, *faṭrathū*. The begam writes this word sometimes with a *tū* and sometimes with a *to'e*.

² i.e., Persian era. Niẓāmu-d-dīn Aḥmad places the date of entry into Kābul by Humāyūn on Ramzān 10th, 953H., and says Akbar was then four years, two months and five days old. 'Some place the event in the year 952H., but God knows the truth.' It is strange that there should be doubt about a historical event occurring not more than fifty years before this resigned statement was made. Abū'l-faṣl gives Ramzān 12th, 952H. (November 17th, 1545), as the date of entry, which would fix the feast for March, 1546, when Akbar was three years and five months old. (Born October 15th, 1542.)

³ Probably in honour of the spring season.

⁴ This is the garden where the ladies rejoiced after the victory at Pānīpat. (10b) Hence, perhaps, the use of the word 'same.'

who planned to go to Tatta and Bhakkar. In Khiṣr Khān Hazāra's country, which lies on the way to Bhakkar, he married Ḥabiba Begam to Āq Sultān and entrusted her to him, while he himself went on.

The victorious Emperor dismounted in triumph in the Bālā-i-ḥisār when five hours of the night of Ramzān 12th had passed,—prosperously and with safety and good luck.¹ All those followers of Mīrzā Kāmran who had been promoted to the royal service, entered Kābul with drums beating (November, 1545).

On the 12th of the same month, her Highness my mother, Dil-dār Begam, and Gul-chihra Begam, and this lowly person paid our duty to the Emperor. For five years we had been shut out and cut off from this pleasure, so now when we were freed from the moil and pain of separation, we were lifted up by our happiness in meeting this Lord of beneficence again. Merely to look at him eased the sorrow-stricken heart and purged the blear-eyed vision. (65b) Again and again we joyfully made the prostration of thanks. There were many festive gatherings, and people sat from evening to dawn, and players and singers made continuous music. Many amusing games, full of fun, were played. Amongst them was this: Twelve players had each twenty cards and twenty *shāhrukhīs*. Whoever lost, lost those twenty *shāhrukhīs*, which would make five *misqāls*.² Each player gave the winner his twenty *shāhrukhīs* to add to his own.³

To widows and orphans, and kinsfolk of men who had

¹ The hour was probably fixed by astrological counsel. Abū'l-faḥl, who may follow the begam's statement, says that the entry took place on the 12th; other writers name the 10th. The only reason for dwelling on the point is the agreement of Abū'l-faḥl and Gul-badan.

² One *shāhrukhī* was about ten pence. Four *shāhrukhīs* made one *misqāl*.

³ Mr. Erskine says that the earliest mention of cards as made known to him by an Oriental writer is when Bābar sends some to Shāh Ḥusain Arghūn who was 'very fond' of them, by Mir 'Alī, the armour-bearer, in 933H. (1526-27). No doubt such an easy means of speeding the hours was known to the ladies of Bābar's family as early as to anyone else, and Gul-badan is perhaps merely describing a new game

They advised the Khimār¹ Pass as the best route. On Ramzān 9th, 951H. (the third week of October, 1545), his Majesty ordered a halt in that pass. News of this went to Mīrzā Kāmran on the same day and disturbed him greatly. He had his tents taken out very quickly and encamped in front of the Guzar-gāh.² (64b)

On the 11th of the same month, the Emperor ordered a halt in the valley of (?) Tipa, and Mīrzā Kāmran³ also came and drew up opposite to fight. Then all his amīrs deserted and were exalted by kissing the royal feet. Even Bāpūs⁴ who was one of his well-known officers, deserted him with all his following and was exalted by kissing the royal feet. The mīrzā was left solitary and alone. 'No one remains near me,' he thought, so he threw down and destroyed the door and the wall of the house of Bāpūs⁵ which was near, and went softly, softly past the New Year's Garden and the tomb of Gul-rukh Begam,⁶ dismissed his 12,000 troopers, and went off.

When it was dark, he went on in the same direction to Bābā Dashtī,⁷ and halted near a piece of water, and sent back Dostī *kūka* and Jūkī *kūka* to fetch his eldest daughter Ḥabība, and his son Ibrāhīm Sultān Mīrzā, and Hazāra Begam⁸ who was the brother's child of Khizr Khān (Hazāra), and Māh Begam⁹ who was sister of Ḥaram (Khurram) Begam, and Māh-afroz, mother of Ḥājī Begam,¹⁰ and Bāqī *kūka*.¹¹ (65a) This party went with the mīrzā,

¹ (?) *himār*, the Ass's Pass.

² (?) The Ferry Garden, or perhaps Bābar's burial-place.

³ Not in person, I believe. His troops were under Qāsim *Barlūs*.

⁴ Governor (*ataliq*) of Yasin-daulat (Āq Sultān), the betrothed husband of Ḥabība.

⁵ Mr. Erskine says that Kāmran escaped by a breach opened in a wall. He went by way of Bīnī-ḥiṣār to Ghaznī, where 'Askarī still was.

⁶ (?) His mother.

⁷ The Desert Father; perhaps a shrine in a lonely spot. (Cf. Khwāja Khizr, *infra*, 70b.)

⁸ A wife.

⁹ Probably a wife.

¹⁰ Brevet rank at this time. She made one pilgrimage in 983H. (1576). She may, however, have gone earlier with her blinded father, but not so early as 1545.

¹¹ (?) The elder brother of Adham and son of Māham *anaga*. Māham *anaga* would be in Kābul now.

he had never made a hostile raid,¹ and now, all at once, when he heard of his Majesty's approach, desire to break forth (? hunt) seized him, and he went into the Hazāra country.² (63b)

Mīrzā Hindāl, who had chosen the darvish's corner (in Kābul), now heard of the Emperor's return from 'Irāq and Khurāsān, and of his success in Qandahār. He saw his chance, and sent for Mīrzā Yādgār-nāshir, and said: 'The Emperor has come to Qandahār, and has been victorious. Mīrzā Kāmran sent Khānzāda Begam to sue for peace, but the Emperor did not agree to his sort of peace. The Emperor sent Bairām Khān as his envoy, and Mīrzā Kāmran did not agree to what he proposed. Now the Emperor has given Qandahār to Bairām Khān and has set out for Kābul. Come now, let us, you and I, plan and agree together, and scheme how to betake ourselves to his Majesty.' Mīrzā Yādgār-nāshir agreed, and the two made their plan and compact. Mīrzā Hindāl said: 'You make up your mind to run away and when Mīrzā Kāmran hears of it, he will certainly say to me: "Mīrzā Yādgār-nāshir has gone off; go and persuade him to come back with you." (64a) You go slowly, slowly on till I come. Then we will go as quickly as we can and pay our respects to the Emperor.'

Having so settled it, Mīrzā Yādgār-nāshir ran away. The news went to Mīrzā Kāmran, who came back at once to Kābul and sent for Mīrzā Hindāl and said: 'Go and persuade Mīrzā Yādgār-nāshir to come back.' Mīrzā Hindāl mounted at once, and joined Mīrzā Yādgār-nāshir with all speed. Then they travelled post-haste for five or six days, when they were honoured by paying their duty to the Emperor.

¹ *tākht raftan*. I do not know what the begam wishes to say. Kāmran had made hostile raids to Badakhshān and against the Hazāras. One might read 'hunting expedition.'

² He had a Hazāra wife. Perhaps the passage about Kāmran's hostile raid or hunting is merely an introduction to Hindāl's plan of scape. (Cf. B. & H., II. 314, 315, for this story.)

When Mirzā Kāmran was sure that the Emperor was approaching Qandahār, he went to Dearest Lady and cried, and was very humble, and said with countless pains :¹ ‘Go you (May your journey be safe!) to Qandahār to the Emperor and make peace between us.’

When she left (Kābul) she made over the Emperor Akbar to Mirzā Kāmran, who gave him into the care of (Muḥtarīma) Khānam. Then she travelled as fast as possible to Qandahār. The Emperor besieged Mirzā Kāmran² and Mirzā ‘Askarī for forty days in the city, and he sent Bairām Khān on an embassy to Mirzā Kāmran.³ (63a) Mirzā ‘Askarī grew dejected and humble, admitted his offences, and came out and paid his duty to the Emperor, who then took possession of Qandahār (September 4th, 1545). He bestowed it upon the son of the Shāh, who in a few days fell ill and died.⁴ When Bairām Khān⁵ arrived, it was given into his charge.

The Emperor left Ḥamīda-bānū Begam in Qandahār and set out after Mirzā Kāmran. Dearest Lady, Khānzāda Begam, went with him, and at Qabal-chak⁶ she had three days of fever. The doctors’ remedies were of no avail, and on the fourth day of her illness she passed to the mercy of God. At first she was buried at Qabal-chak, but three months later her body was brought to Kābul and laid in the burial-place of my royal father.⁷

During several years that Mirzā Kāmran was in Kābul,

¹ of persuasion.

² The context shows that this is wrong, and so do the histories.

³ Bairām saw Akbar in Kābul, and also Hindāl, Sulaimān, Ḥaram, Ibrāhīm and Yādgar-nāṣir, all under surveillance. The embassy reached Kābul before Khānzādā left, and she travelled with Bairām on his return to Humāyūn.

⁴ He was an infant.

⁵ The begam’s chronology is faulty here. Bairām had returned before the capitulation.

⁶ For location of this place cf. *Akbarnāma* H. B., I. 477 n.. It seems to have been in the mountain district of Tīrī, between the basins of the Halmand and the Arghand-āb.

⁷ Khānzāda, Mahdī (her husband) and Abū’l-ma’ālī are buried in the same spot.

as a brother.' Then the two sovereigns again became of one mind, and made clean heart to one another.

The two wrong-doers were excluded from the presence, and were made over to the Shāh, who, when opportunity occurred, got possession of those rubies,¹ and, as to the men, ordered: 'Let them be kept in custody.'²

His Majesty's time in 'Irāq was (now) spent happily. In various ways the Shāh showed good feeling, and every day sent presents of rare and strange things. (62a)

At length the Shāh despatched his own son and khāns and sultāns and amīrs with his Majesty to help him, together with good arms and tents, folding and audience tents; and *chatr* and *ṭāq* and *shamiāna*, excellently wrought, and all sorts of the things necessary and fit for a king, from the mattress-warehouse and the treasury and the workshops and kitchen and buttery. In a propitious hour those two mighty sovereigns bade one another farewell, and his Majesty left that country for Qandahār.³

At the time of his departure, he asked pardon from the Shāh for the offence of those two faithless ones (Khwāja Ghāzī and Raushan *kūka*), and, having himself forgiven them, took them with him to Qandahār.

When Mīrzā 'Askarī heard (1545) that he was on his way from Khurāsān and approaching Qandahār, he sent the Emperor Jalālu-d-dīn Muḥammad Akbar to Mīrzā Kāmran in Kābul, who gave him into the care of Dearest Lady, Khānzāda Begam, and our paternal aunt. (62b) He was two and a half years old when she received him into her charge. She was very fond of him, and used to kiss his hands and feet, and say: 'They are the very hands and feet of my brother the Emperor Bābar, and he is like him altogether.'⁴

¹ (?) those already bartered away.

² They were, it would seem, let down by tent-ropes into the celebrated underground prison of Sulaimān's *Diwān*. (Jauhar, Stewart, 72.)

³ Humāyūn again indulged his love of travel and sights, and delayed so long in Persian territory that the Shāh, coming unexpectedly upon him, angrily turned him off without ceremony.

⁴ The child was just over three. It was now that he and Bakhshī-bānū travelled together to Kābul in the snow.

puts under his head or his arm.' Khwāja Mu'azzam saw the meaning of this, and made up his mind for certain that the rubies were with Khwāja Ghāzī, and were kept in his high cap. He came and represented to his Majesty: 'I have found trace of those rubies in Khwāja Ghāzī's high cap. In some way I will steal them from him. (61a) If he should come to your Majesty and seek redress against me, let your Majesty say nothing to me.' The Emperor listened, and smiled.

Khwāja Mu'azzam then repeatedly played off tricks and little jokes and pleasantries on Khwāja Ghāzī, who came and set it forth to the Emperor. 'I am a lowly man,' said he, '(? but) I have a name and a position. What does the boy Khwāja Mu'azzam mean by playing off these tricks and jokes, and making fun of me in this foreign land, and insulting me?' His Majesty said: 'On whom does he not? He is young. It often comes into his head to do terrifying and ill-bred things. Do not take it to heart. He is only a boy.'

Another day, when Khwāja Ghāzī was seated in the reception-room, Khwāja Mu'azzam, pretending an accident, filched his cap from his head. Then he took out the matchless rubies, and laid them before his Majesty and Hamīda-bānū Begam. His Majesty smiled, and the begam was delighted, and said, 'Bravo!' and 'Mercy be upon you.' (61b)

Khwāja Ghāzī and Raushan *kūka*, in shame at their deed, made secret communications to the Shāh, and carried their talk so far that his heart was troubled. His Majesty saw that the Shāh's intimacy and confidence were not what they had been, and at once sent some of whatever rubies and other jewels¹ he possessed as a gift to him, who then said: 'Khwāja Ghāzī and Raushan *kūka* are in fault; they turned my heart from you, and truly I used to regard you

¹ It was now that Humāyūn gave to the Shāh the 'diamond which had been obtained from Sultān Ibrāhīm's treasury,' *i.e.*, the *Koh-i-nūr*. (*Asiatic Quarterly Review*, April, 1899, art. *Bābar's Diamond*, H. Beveridge.)

from its lightness in her hand that it had lost weight, and said so. (60a) The Emperor asked: 'How is this? Except you and me, no one knows about them. What can have happened? Who has taken them?' He was astonished.

The begam said to her brother, Khwāja Mu'azzam: 'So and so has happened. If at this pinch you will act the brother to me and will make inquiry in some way quietly, you will save me from what one may call disgrace. Otherwise, as long as I live, I shall be ashamed in the royal presence.'

Khwāja Mu'azzam said: 'One thing occurs to me! I, who am so closely connected with his Majesty, have not the means to buy even a poor pony,¹ but Khwāja Ghāzī and Raushan *kūka*² have each bought themselves a *tipūchāq* horse. They have not paid the money for them yet. This purchase is not without a ray of hope.'

The begam answered: 'O brother! now is the time for brotherliness! That transaction must certainly be looked into.' Khwāja Mu'azzam answered: 'O elder moon-sister!³ tell no one about it. Heaven willing, I have hope that the right will be righted.' (60b)

He went out, and inquired at the house of the horse-dealers: 'For what price did you sell those horses? When is the money promised? What security has been given for the payment?' The dealers answered: 'Both men promised us rubies, and took the horses.'

From them he went to the khwāja's servant, and said: 'Where is the khwāja's wallet, with his honorary dress and his clothes?⁴ Where does he keep it?' The servant answered: 'My khwāja has no wallet and no clothes. He has one high cap which, when he goes to sleep, he

¹ Text, *tītū*.

² Jauhar states that amongst other disaffected persons these two men, and a third, Sultān Muḥammad, the spearman (*nazabāz*), had just returned from Makka, and were of Kāmraṇ's party. Gul-badan makes it seem probable that Jauhar's statements apply only to Sultān Muḥammad. (Cf. list of companions of Humāyūn on his journey, 55b.)

³ *māh chīcham*. Cf. 18b n..

⁴ *nūrī wa parī*.

dūstān. When a thing is found in two *dāng*, it is clear it will be found better in four.'

Shāh Sultānam said also, in reply to her own paternal aunt, and in confirmation of the begam's words: 'Aunt, it is strange that you ask, "Where are two *dāng*? where are four *dāng*?" It is clear anything would be found better and more wonderful (in four than in two).'

They passed the whole day very well in sociable festivity. At the time of eating, all the amīrs' wives stood and served, and the Shāh's ladies placed¹ food before Shāhzāda Sultānam.

Moreover, they were hospitable² with all sorts of stuffs, embroidered and others, to Ḥamīda-bānū Begam, as was incumbent and fitting. The Shāh went on in advance³ and was in his Majesty's quarters till the prayer before sleep. (5c) When he heard that Ḥamīda-bānū Begam had arrived, he rose from the presence and went home. To such a height of pleasantness and kindness was he amiable!

Raushan *kūka*, spite of his former fidelity and services, was now faithless, in that foreign and perilous country, about some valuable rubies. These used to be kept in the Emperor's amulet-case (*tūmār*⁴), and of this he and the begam knew and no one else. If he went away anywhere, he used to give the amulet-case into her charge. One day she was going to wash her head, so she bundled the case up in a handkerchief, and put it on the Emperor's bed. Raushan *kūka* thought this a good chance to steal five rubies. Then he agreed with Khwāja Ghāzī, and trusted them to him, meaning by-and-by to barter them away.

When the begam came back from washing her head, the Emperor gave her the amulet-case, and she at once knew

¹ *māndand*, used transitively; also at 4a.

² *mihmāni kardand*. (?) In the way of gifts, or perhaps by lavish decoration.

³ *i.e.*, from the place of entertainment to the town.

⁴ Also *tūmār*, an amulet-case of gold or silver suspended on the neck

behind her brother. His Majesty said (to Hamīda-bānū): 'There was a woman riding behind the Shāh at the hunt. She stood with her reins held by a white-bearded man. People told me it was Shāhzāda Sultānam, the Shāh's sister.' (58b) In short, the Shāh showed the Emperor much hospitality and courtesy, and laid a charge (on his sister) to show motherly and sisterly hospitality and sympathy (to Hamīda-bānū Begam).¹

One day, when Shāhzāda Sultānam had entertained the begam, the Shāh said to her: 'When (next) you offer hospitality, let it be arranged outside the city.' It was on a beautiful plain, rather more than four miles out, that they pitched tents (*khaima*) and folding-tents (*khirga*) and an audience-tent (*bārgā*), and also set up *chatr*² and *tāq*.³

In Khurāsān and those parts they use enclosing screens (*sarāparda*), but they do not put them at the back. The Emperor set up an all-round screen after the Hindū fashion (*hindūāna*). Having pitched the tents, the Shāh's people put coloured chicks (*cheqghā*) all round. His kinswomen and his paternal aunt were there, and his sisters and the ladies of his *haram*, and the wives of the khāns and sultāns and amīrs, about 1,000 women in all splendour and adornment.

That day Shāhzāda Sultānam asked Hamīda-bānū Begam: (59a) 'Are such *chatr* and *tāq* met with in Hindūstan?' The begam answered: 'They say two *dāng*⁴ with respect to Khurāsān, and four *dāng* with respect to Hin-

¹ An obscure passage in the text, and conjectural only in translation. The Persian words I have rendered 'motherly and sisterly' are *mūdarāna wa khwāharāna*. On this same page occurs *hindūāna*; at 43b, *nikāhāna*, and at 62a, *pādshāhāna*.

² (?) umbrella-shaped tents.

³ round-topped tents or balconies, or arched erections.

⁴ or *dānak*. Hazarding a guess, the meaning 'quarter of the world' seems fittest to select from the several of *dāng* or *dānak*. Others conceivably applicable are 'a small grain' (*anglice*, peppercorn in this connection), and the sixth of anything (*anglice*, the colloquial 'fraction'). Doubtless my difficulty is none to those experienced in colloquial Persian.

Hamīda's ready use of a colloquial phrase to express that the reputedly greater contains the less is neat and diplomatic.

nobles and grandees, low and high, great and small. All came to the Halmand to meet the Emperor.¹

The Shāh sent all his brothers to meet his Majesty,—Bahrām Mirzā, and Alqās Mirzā, and Sām Mirzā. All came and embraced him, and escorted him with full honour and respect. As they drew near (the Shāh) his brothers sent him word, and he also came riding to meet the Emperor. They embraced. (58a) The friendship and concord of those two high-placed pāshas was as close as two nut-kernels in one shell.² Great unanimity and good feeling ensued, so that during his Majesty's stay in that country, the Shāh often went to his quarters, and on days when he did not, the Emperor went to his.

In Khurāsān³ his Majesty visited all the gardens and the flower-gardens, and the splendid buildings put up by Sultān Ḥusain Mirzā, and the grand structures of olden days.

There was hunting eight times while he was in 'Irāq, and each time trouble was taken for him also. Ḥamīda-bānū Begam used to enjoy the sight from a distance in either a camel or a horse litter. Shāhzāda Sultānam,⁴ the Shāh's sister, used to ride on horseback, and take her stand

¹ He had crossed the river without receiving invitation or permission, because of Kāmīrūn's threatened approach. The incidents of Humāyūn's visit to Persia are very entertaining. (B. & H., II. 275 *et seq.*)

² A figure of speech too compact to leave room for the facts. The intercourse of the pāshas was dramatic with human passion and foible. Much of the story would be distasteful to Gul-badan's family pride and vexatious to her orthodoxy.

³ Not only in Khurāsān but on and off the route to Ṭahmāsp's summer quarters where the pāshas met, did Humāyūn visit noteworthy places. He saw Harāt as his father had done, and later his devious journey took him to Jām, where he saw the shrine of his own and of Ḥamīda's ancestor, the Terrible Elephant, Almad. He visited the tomb of the Founder of the Safī dynasty at Ardābil, and the date of his visit (1544) makes it probable that he trod that 'Holy Carpet' of Ardābil which had been woven in 1540 for the shrine and which now attracts our respectful admiration in the Oriental Section of the Victoria and Albert Museum (S. K. M.).

⁴ This lady afforded Humāyūn vital assistance in Persia, and even pleaded for his life when it was in the balance. She was highly esteemed by Ṭahmāsp, and had influence in state affairs.

or rather for one hair of it. (57a) Go where you wish. God protect you! Mīrzā 'Askarī may do what he likes.' The Emperor gave him a ruby and a pearl and some other things.

At dawn he marched to honour Fort Bābā Hājī¹ by a visit. He reached it in two days. It belongs to the Garm-sīr,² and lies on the river (Halmand). There are many sayyids there, and they waited on the Emperor and showed him hospitality.

Next morning Khwāja 'Alāwalu-d-dīn (Jalālu-d-dīn) Maḥmūd,³ having left Mīrzā 'Askarī, came with an offering of a string of mules, and one of horses and tents, etc., whatever he had. Once more the royal heart was at ease. Hājī Muḥammad Khān *kūkī*⁴ brought thirty or forty troopers and offered a string of mules.

Being helpless because of the disunion of his brothers⁵ and the desertion of his amīrs, it now seemed best to the Emperor,—with reliance on the Causer of causes,—to decide upon going to Khurāsān.⁶ (57b)

After many stages and a journey of many days, he came to parts adjacent to Khurāsān. When Shāh 'Tahmās (*sic*) heard that he had reached the Halmand, he remained sunk in wonder and thought, and said: 'The Emperor Humāyūn has come to our frontier by the perfidious revolution of the firmament,—the firmament unpropitious and crooked of gait! The Lord, whose existence is necessary, has led him here!'

He sent all sorts of people to give honourable reception,

¹ Fort of the Pilgrim Father.

² *i.e.*, a warm climate, a winter habitation in low ground, and cultivated fields.

³ He was a revenue-collector of the mīrzā.

⁴ Son of Bābā Qūshka, an intimate of Bābar.

⁵ Kāmran was master of Kābul and Ghaznī, Qandahār, Khutlān and Badakhshān. 'Askarī was attached to his full-brother's fortunes, and Hindāl was a prisoner in Kābul. Shīr Shāh ruled Bābar's Indian Empire, and Shāh Husain was in Sind. Certainly there seemed no 'crack' to hold Humāyūn. The date is December, 1543.

⁶ *i.e.*, on his way to Persia proper. Humāyūn's messenger to the Shāh was Chupī Bahādur. (55a and n°.)

They grew very hungry and feeble. (56a) The Emperor gave orders to kill a horse. There was no cooking-pot, so they boiled some of the flesh in a helmet, and some they roasted. They made fires on all four sides, and with his own blessed hand the Emperor roasted some meat which he ate. He used to say: 'My very head was frozen by the intense cold.'

Morning came at last, and he pointed to another mountain, and said: 'There are people on that; there will be many Bilūchīs there; and there we must go.' On they went, and reached the place in two days. They saw a few houses near them, and a few savage Bilūchīs whose speech is the tongue of the ghouls of the waste.

The Emperor halted on the skirt of the mountain. There were about thirty people with him. The Bilūchīs saw him, and collected and came near. He had settled comfortably in his tent, so they knew from far off that he was halting. They said to one another: 'If we seize these people and take them to Mirzā 'Askarī, he will certainly give us their arms, and many gifts besides.' (56b)

Hasan 'Alī, the chamberlain, had a Bilūchī wife who understood what the ghouls of the waste were saying, and who made it known that they meant mischief. Early in the morning the Emperor thought of marching on, but they said: 'Our chief is not here. When he comes, you shall go.' Besides this, the time had become unsuitable, and so the whole night was spent there in strict watchfulness.

Part of the night had gone when the chief arrived. He waited on the Emperor, and said: 'A *farmān* has come from Mirzā Kāmran and Mirzā 'Askarī, in which it is written: "It is reported that the Emperor may visit your dwellings. If he does, beware!—a thousand times beware!—of letting him go. Seize him and bring him to us. You can keep his goods and horses. Take him to Qandahār." As I had not seen your Majesty, I at first had this evil thought, but now I will sacrifice my life and the lives of my family, I have five or six sons, for your Majesty's head,

came in. Then he took possession of the Emperor Jalālu-d-dīn Muḥammad Akbar, and gave him in charge to his wife Sultānam,¹ who showed him much kindness and affection. He made all the royal followers march, saying: 'Go to Qandahār.'

His Majesty, when he left, took the road to the mountains. He went eight miles, and then travelled as fast as possible.² (55b) He had with him Bairām Khān, Khwāja Mu'azzam, Khwāja Nīzāzī, Nadīm *kūka*³ and Rausban *kūka*, and Hājī Muḥammad Khān, and Bābā-dost the paymaster, and Mirzā Qulī Beg *chūlī*,⁴ and Haidar Muḥammad the master of the horse, and Shaikh Yūsuf *chūlī*, and Ibrāhīm the chamberlain, and Hasan 'Alī, the chamberlain, and Ya'qūb the keeper of the armoury, and 'Ambar the superintendent and the royal agent (*mulk-mukhtār*), and Sambal captain of a thousand, and Khwāja Kasak.⁵

Khwāja Ghazī says:⁶ 'I also was in attendance.' This company went with the Emperor, and Hamīda-bānū Begam says,⁶ 'There were as many as thirty people,' and that of women there was, besides herself, the wife of Hasan 'Alī, the chamberlain.

The prayer before sleep had passed before they reached the foot of the mountains. The snow lay deep, so there was no road to go up by. Their minds were full of anxiety lest that unjust creature, Mirzā 'Askarī, should follow them. At last they found a way up, and climbed it in some sort of fashion. They were all night in the snow, and (at first) there was neither wood for fire nor food to eat.

¹ I believe she was in Qandahār, and that she received the child on his arrival there.

² Perhaps he rode four kos, and then, having waited for Hamīda, hurried on.

³ His wife, Māham *anaga*, remained behind with Akbar. With Akbar was also *Atka* Khān (Shamsu-d-dīn Muḥammad) and his wife, Jī-jī *anaga*.

⁴ Humāyun's sobriquet for those who went to Persia with him; from *chūl*, a desert. Others in this list might claim it.

⁵ Nizāmu-d-dīn Aḥmad puts the number of the party at twenty-two.

⁶ The tense used suggests conference and talking over. Jauhar says that Khwāja Ghāzī joined Humāyūn in Persia from Makka. This looks like a contradiction of Jauhar.

but if not, it will be clear to your Majesty that nothing is to be gained by going. 'You have few followers. What, then, will happen?'

Kasak came and reported this. The Emperor was stupefied and bewildered, and said: 'What is to be done? Where am I to go?' They all consulted together. (54*b*) Tardī Muḥammad Khān and Bairām Khān gave it as their opinion that it was impossible to decide to go anywhere but to the north and Shal-mastān,¹ the frontier of Qandahār. 'There are many Afghans in those parts,' they said, 'whom we shall draw over to our side. Mīrzā 'Askarī's people, too, will join us.'

Having settled it in this way, they recited the *fātiḥa* and went, march by march, for Qandahār. Near Shal-mastān they halted in a village named Ranī (? Ralī), but as it had snowed and rained, and was extremely cold, they determined to go on to Shal-mastān. At afternoon prayer-time an Uzbek youth, mounted on a sorry and tired-out pony, came in, and cried out: 'Mount, your Majesty! I will explain on the way; time presses. There is no time to talk.'² The Emperor mounted the very hour the alarm was given, and went off.

He went two arrows' flight, and then sent Khwāja Mu'azzam and Bairām Khān to fetch Hamīda-bānū Begam. (55*a*) They went and mounted her, but there was not a chink of time in which to take the Emperor Jalālu-d-dīn Muḥammad Akbar. Just when the begam left the camp to join his Majesty, Mīrzā 'Askarī came up with 2,000 troopers. There was an outcry, and when he heard it, he entered the camp³ and asked: 'Where is the Emperor?' People said: 'He went hunting long ago.' So the mīrzā knew that his Majesty had gone away just as he himself

¹ Approximately Quetta. The route seems to have been over the Bolan.

² The youth was Chupī Bahādūr, a former servant of Humāyūn. Gul-badan's story differs in some details from that told by other writers.

³ Late in 950H. (1543). The little Akbar reached Qandahār on December 15th, 1543.



THE EMPEROR AKBAR
(*ARSH-ĀSHYĀNĪ*).

tie of father and son¹ between you and Allāh-dost, write and ask him in what way Mirzā Kāmran stands towards me, and what he will do if I go into his neighbourhood.' (53b) He also gave this order to Khwāja Kasak: 'Go to Siwī, and ask Mir Allāh-dost whether he thinks it advisable for me to come to Kābul.' The khwāja set out, and the Emperor said: 'We will not march till you have returned.'

When the khwāja came near Siwī, Maḥmūd, the head-camel-driver, caught him, and asked: 'Why are you here?' 'To buy horses and camels,' he answered. Maḥmūd ordered: 'Feel under his arm and search his cap. Heaven forbid that he should have brought a letter to win over Allāh-dost and Bābā Jūjūk.' They searched, and brought out the letter from under his arm. He had no chance to twist it into a fold.² Maḥmūd took it and read it, and, not letting the khwāja go, forthwith conveyed Allāh-dost and Bābā Jūjūk into the fort, and with various roughnesses made them swear: 'We had no knowledge of his coming here.' (54a) (?) He has taken the initiative;" and 'Khwāja Ghāzi is related to us and he was with Mirzā Kāmran,⁴ and this is why he has written.' Maḥmūd decided to send all three to Shāh Husain, and Mir Allāh-dost and Bābā Jūjūk spent the whole night smoothing him down and entreating him, and in the end they were set free.

Mir Allāh-dost sent 3,000⁵ pomegranates and 100 quinces for his Majesty's use, and wrote no letter, because he was afraid it might fall into the wrong hands. By word of mouth he sent to say: 'If a letter should come from Mirzā Askarī or the amīrs, it would not be bad to go to Kābul;

¹ Probably a spiritual relationship; that of religious teacher and disciple.

² (?) to toss it secretly into a corner.

³ *subq khwānda ast*. Perhaps Kasak as a pupil 'has said his lessons to us,' i.e., to Allāh-dost.

⁴ He had been Kāmran's *diwān* up to the time when the royal family left Lāhōr, and he joined Humāyūn when the brothers parted for Sind and for Kābul.

⁵ Text, *sīyad*, but perhaps only 300 should be read.

At length the Emperor went on board boats, with kinsfolk and family, army and the rest, and travelled for three days on the great river. At the frontier of Shāh Husain Mīrzā's territory is a village called Nuāsī.¹ Here they halted, and his Majesty sent Sultān Qulī, the head-camel-driver, to fetch the camels. Sultān Qulī brought a thousand, all of which his Majesty gave to his amīrs, and soldiers, and others, ordering them to be apportioned.

The camels were such that one might say they had not known city, or load, or man for seven, or rather seventy, generations. As horses were few, many people took camels to ride on, and what were left were assigned for the baggage. Every camel which was mounted, at once flung its rider to the ground, and took its way to the jungle. (53a) Every pack-camel, when it heard the sound of horses' feet, jumped and bounded and tossed off its load, and went off and away to the jungle. If a load was fixed so fast that, jump as it would, it could not get it off, it carried it away and ran with it into the jungle. This was the way the Emperor started for Qandahār. Some 200 camels must have gone off like this.

Shāh Husain Mīrzā's head-camel-driver Maḥmūd was in Siwī (Sibī), and when the Emperor came near, he strengthened the citadel and retired into it. His Majesty came prosperously to within twelve miles' distance. Then word was brought that Mīr Allāh-dost and Bābā Jūjūk² had arrived in Siwī from Kābul two days earlier, and were going on to (visit) Shāh Husain Mīrzā. By them Mīrzā Kāmrān had sent a dress of honour, and *tipūchāq* horses, and much fruit, and they were to ask for Mīrzā Shāh Husain's daughter.³

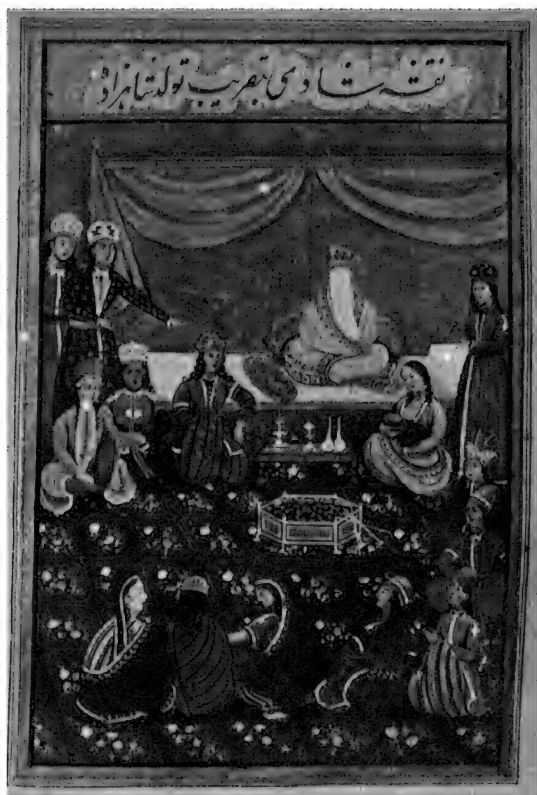
The Emperor said to Khwāja Ghāzī: 'As there is the

¹ Runāi, B. & H., II. 262. The text is clear.

² Both these names may be sobriquets. Abu'l-fazl names Shaikh 'Abdu-l-wahab as Allāh-dost's companion. (A. N., *Bib. Ind.* ed. I. 189 *et seq.*)

Jūjūk is perhaps the Tūrkī 'sweet-savoured,' and an epithet of 'Abdu-l-wahab, a lawyer with persuasive tongue.

³ The daughter has already been named as promised.



HYMN OF PRAISE FOR AKBAR'S BIRTH.

Of especial interest are the faces of the open-mouthed singers. Hamida-bānū is probably the featureless person on the estrade.

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months. At last he settled it in this way: 'Very well! the Emperor is now far away. . Read the *khutba* in my name and when he comes back, read it in his.' As the siege had drawn out to great length, and people had gradually come to cruel straits, there was no help for it; the *khutba* was read. (52a) He gave Qandahār to Mīrzā Askarī and promised Ghaznīn to Mīrzā Hindāl. When they reached Ghaznīn, he assigned the Lamghānāt and the mountain passes (Tangayhā)¹ to the mīrzā, and all those promises were false.²

Mīrzā Hindāl went off to Badakhshān, and settled down in Khost and Andar-āb. Mīrzā Kāmran said to Dil-dār Begam: 'Go and fetch him.' When she arrived, the mīrzā said: 'I have withdrawn myself from the turmoil of soldiering, and even³ Khost is a hermitage. I have quite settled down.' The begam answered: 'If you intend to lead the darvish-life, even³ Kābul is a hermitage. Live where your family and kinsfolk are. That is the better plan.' Then she made him come, and for awhile he lived as a darvish in Kābul.

About this time, Mīr Shāh Husain sent to the Emperor to say: 'The course favouring fortune is for you to march for Qandahār. That is the better plan.' His Majesty was willing, and replied: 'Horses and camels are scarce in my camp; give me some to travel with to Qandahār.' (52b) Shāh Husain Mīrza agreed, and said: 'There are a thousand camels on the other side of the river, which I will send to you as soon as you have crossed.'

[If words by Khwāja Kasak (? Kīsīk), kinsman of Khwāja Ghāzī, are recorded about the journey from Bhakkar and Sind, they are copied from the writings of the said Khwāja Kasak.⁴]

¹ (?) The *Tangī* of Rudyard Kipling.

² The *Tārīkh-i-badāyunī* states that Ghaznīn was given to Hindāl and then taken away, and Mr. Erskine comments on this as probably untrue. (B. & H., II. 265 n..) Gul-badan here supports 'Abdu-l-qadīr.

³ 'as good as any other place' is perhaps the import of the *ham*.

⁴ We surmise that this is a gloss of Gul-badan, who has copied from a diary or writings of Khwāja Kasak. This name may be the *Türkī kisīk*, a guard, a sentinel. No Persian word seems appropriate.

me the honour of going to Qandahār and advising Mīrzā Hindāl and Mīrzā Kāmran. (51a) Tell them that the Uzbegs and the Turkmāns are near them, and that the best plan is to be friend: amongst themselves. If Mīrzā Kāmran will agree to carry out what I have written to him, I will do what his heart desires.'

Mīrzā Kāmran came to Qandahār four days after the begam's arrival.¹ Day after day he urged: 'Read the *khutba* in my name'; and again and again Mīrzā Hindāl said: 'In his life-time his Majesty *Firdaus-makānī* gave his throne to the Emperor Humāyūn and named him his successor. We all agreed to this, and up till now have read the *khutba* in his name. There is no way of changing the *khutba*.'² Mīrzā Kāmran wrote to her Highness, Dil-dār Begam:³ 'I have come from Kābul with you in mind. It is strange that you should not once have come to see me. (51b) Be a mother to me as you are to Mīrzā Hindāl.' At last Dil-dār Begam went to see him, and he said: 'Now I shall not let you go till you send for Mīrzā Hindāl.' Dil-dār Begam said: 'Khānzāda Begam is your elder kinswoman, and oldest and highest of you all. Ask her the truth about the *khutba*.' So then he spoke to *Āka*. Her Highness Khānzāda Begam answered: 'If you ask me! well! as his Majesty *Firdaus-makānī* decided it and gave his throne to the Emperor Humāyūn, and as you, all of you, have read the *khutba* in his name till now, so now regard him as your superior and remain in obedience to him.'

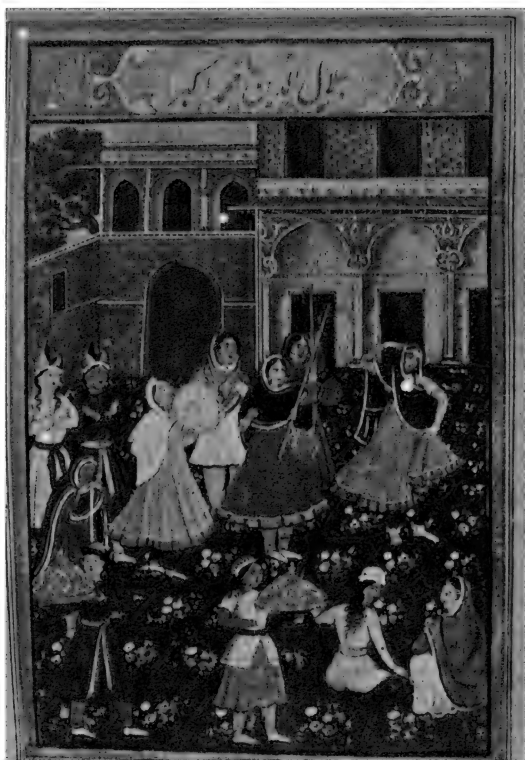
To cut the matter short, Mīrzā Kāmran besieged Qandahār and kept on insisting about the *khutba* for four

historian after Bābar's death,—a singular fact and matched by the similar disappearance of the great Khalīfa. Abū'l-faẓl names his tomb. Cf. App. s.n. Khānzāda.

¹ She had a weary journey from Jūn to Qandahār, and Kāmran had another, but less toilsome, from Kābul. Kāmran kept Hindāl besieged, but there seems to have been a good deal of communication between besiegers and beleaguered.

² Our memory is better than the begam's, and we remember that Hindāl found no difficulty in changing the *khutba* to his own name in Dihli.

³ She would be probably with her son Hindāl in the fort.



NAUTCH IN CELEBRATION OF AKBAR'S BIRTH.

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Very few amīrs remained; amongst them were Tardī Muḥammad Khān and Mirzā Yādgar and Mirzā Payanda Muḥammad and Muḥammad Walī and Nadīm *kūka* and Raushan *kūka* and Khadang¹ the chamberlain. Then there was word brought: 'Bairām Khān has reached Jājkā (Iāj-kān) on his way from Gujrāt.' The Emperor was delighted, and ordered Khadang and others to give him honourable meeting.

Meantime Shāh Husain Mirzā had heard of Bairām Khān's coming and sent to capture him. Bairām Khān rashly went into a hollow, and there they fell upon him. (50b) Khadang the chamberlain was killed. Bairām Khān and the rest escaped, and the khān came and paid his respects to the Emperor.

At this time letters arrived (addressed to) Mirzā Hindāl for his Majesty from Qarācha Khān, saying: 'You have been long near Bhakkar, and during the whole time Shāh Husain Mirzā has given no sign of good-will but the reverse. By Heaven's grace, an easy way is open, and it is best for the Emperor to come here (to Qandahār). This is really advisable. If he will not come, come you yourself without fail.' As his Majesty's coming was delayed, Qarācha Khān went out and met Mirzā Hindāl, and made over the town to him (in the autumn of 1541).

Mirzā 'Askarī was in Ghaznīn, and to him Mirzā Kāmran wrote: 'Qarācha Khān has given over Qandahār to Mirzā Hindāl. Qandahār must be considered.' His idea was to take it from Mirzā Hindāl.

On hearing of these things, his Majesty came to his aunt Khānzāda Begam,² and said with great urgency: 'Pray do

¹ Probably the father of Maywa-jān. Bairām arrived April 12th, 1543 (Muḥarram 7th, 950H.).

² From this it would seem that Khānzāda was in Sind with Humāyūn. No other writer, I believe, mentions this or the embassy on which she is now sent. The Uzbeks and Turkmāns do not appear apropos here. If, as Gul-badan says,—and her authority is good,—Khānzāda now went to Qandahār, she will have gone on to Kābul, possibly with Hindāl after he surrendered the town to Kāmran. Of Mahdī Khwāja, Khānzāda's husband, I find no mention made by any

ment with him, and the Emperor was left alone, as before, with his own people.

He sent brave Shaikh 'Alī Beg (*Jalā'ir*) and Muzaffar Beg *Turkmān* towards the large district of Jājkā (Hāj-kān). (49*b*) Mirzā Shāh Husain sent a force to attack him, and there was a famous fight. At last Muzaffar Beg was routed and fled, and Shaikh 'Alī Beg (*Jalā'ir*) was killed and perished with all his men.¹

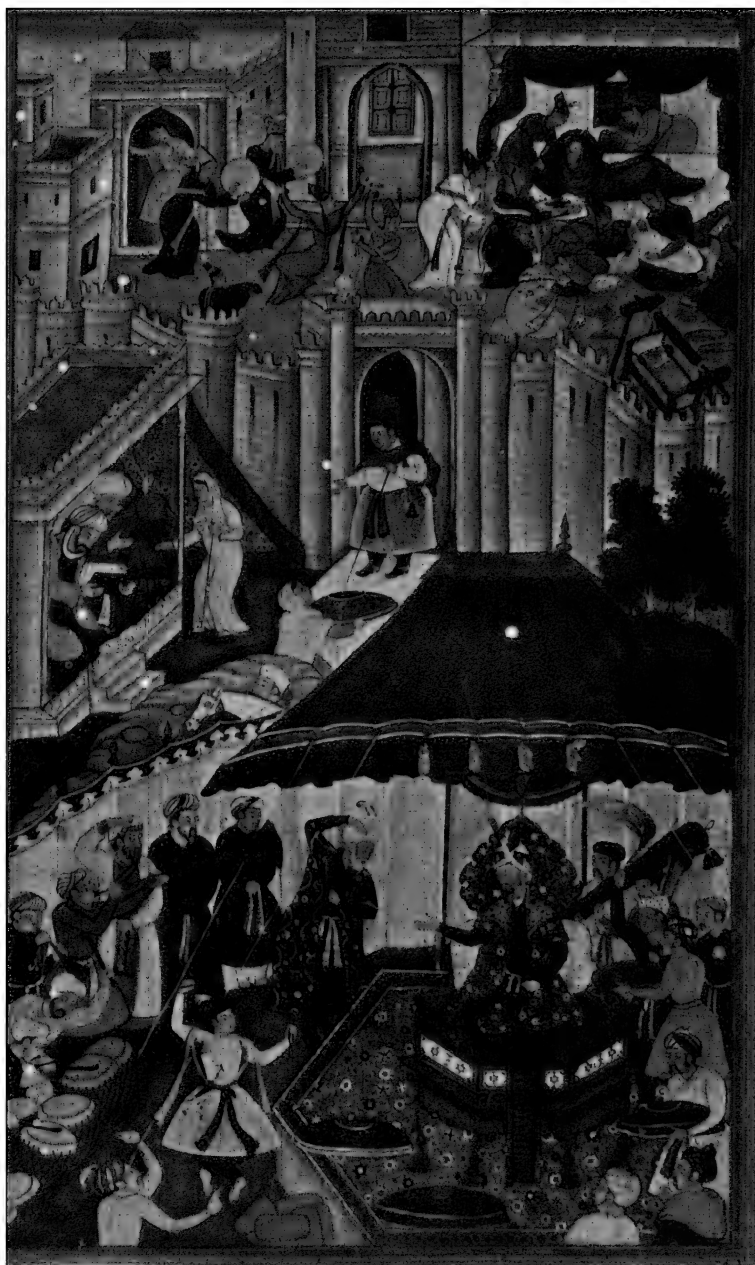
A squabble arose between Khālid Beg² and Tarsh Beg, a brother of Shāham Khān *Jalā'ir* and his Majesty turned all his favour to Tarsh Beg. So Khālid Beg deserted and went with all his men to Mīr Shāh Husain. Then the Emperor ordered Khālid Beg's mother, Sultānam, to prison and this made Gul-barg³ Begam angry. Then he forgave Sultānam and gave her leave to go to the blessed Makka with Gul-barg Begam. Soon after this Tarsh Beg also deserted. The Emperor cursed him, and said: 'For his sake, I dealt harshly with Khālid Beg, who on this account left the circle of the faithful for the circle of the disloyal. Tarsh Beg will die young.' So it was! Fifteen days later, a servant killed him with a knife as he lay sleeping in a boat. When the Emperor heard of it he grew sad and thoughtful. (50*a*) Shāh Husain Mirzā brought boats up the river to near Jūn, and his men and the Emperor's often fought on board, and many were killed on both sides. Day by day there were desertions to Shāh Husain. In one of these fights was killed Mullā Tāju-d-dīn whom his Majesty held in the greatest favour as a pearl of knowledge.

There was a squabble between Tardī Muḥammad Khān and Mu'nīm Khān. Mu'nīm Khān consequently deserted.

¹ A stubborn fight, and fateful for Humāyūn. It occurred in November, 1543.

² Son of Nizāmu-d-dīn 'Alī *Khalīfa Barlās* and of Sultānam who appears to be Gul-badan's former hostess (14*a*).

³ Daughter of Khalīfa, and as such sister or half-sister of Khālid, and daughter or stepdaughter of Sultānam. She is, I believe, the Gul-barg of earlier episodes and a wife of Humāyūn.



INCIDENTS FOLLOWING THE BIRTH OF AKBAR.

At the top, on the right, are Hamida-bānū and the child ; on the left, the news is announced with sound of castanets and tambourines.

In the middle, the hour of birth is being communicated to the astrologers.

At the foot, the news is being given to Humāyūn by Tardi Beg, and is welcomed by music and dancing.

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there was born his imperial Majesty, the world's refuge and conqueror, Jalālu-d-dīn Muḥammad Akbar *Ghāzī*. The moon was in Leo. It was of very good omen that the birth was in a fixed Sign, and the astrologers said a child so born would be fortunate and long-lived. The Emperor was some thirty miles away when Tardī Muḥammad Khān took the news to him. He was highly delighted, and by way of reward and largesse (*niṣār*) for the tidings he forgave all soever of Tardī Muḥammad Khān's past offences. He gave the child the name he had heard in his dream at Lāhōr, the Emperor Jalālu-d-dīn Muḥammad Akbar.

On leaving this place, the Emperor went towards Bhakkar with as many as 10,000 men who had gathered round him, people of the rānā and of the outlying tribes and Sūdmas (Sodhas) and Samīchas. (49a) They reached the district of Jūn, where there was one of Shāh Ḥusain's servants with some troopers. •He fled.¹ Here there was the Mirror Garden, a very pleasant and enjoyable place where the Emperor alighted. He assigned its villages (? of Jūn) in *jāgīr* to his followers.

It is a six days' journey from Jūn to Tatta. The Emperor was as much as six² months in Jūn, and brought his family and people and the whole 'Umrkōt party there.³ The Emperor Jalālu-d-dīn Muḥammad Akbar was six months old when they took him to Jūn. The party which had come from various places with the royal family and the *haram* now broke up. As for the rānā, he marched⁴ off at midnight for his own country, on account of a coolness⁴ caused by some talk between him and Tardī Muḥammad Khān.⁵ All the Sūdmas and Samīchas went off by agree-

¹ Cf. B. & H., II., 256, for stories of the taking of Jūn.

² Other writers say nine.

³ Hamīda and her baby were good travellers. They left 'Umrkōt when the child was under five weeks old (November 20th), and joined Humāyūn early in December (1542).

⁴ *shukr-rangī*. I do not find this word in dictionaries, and translate tentatively on the analogy of *shukr-āb*, a tiff.

⁵ Other writers give Khwāja Ghāzī as the second in the quarrel.

his own water-bottle. When everyone had drunk his fill, they marched on again at afternoon prayer-time.

After a day and a night they reached a large tank. The horses and camels went into the water and drank so much that many died. There had not been many horses, but there were mules and camels. (48a) Beyond this place water was found at every stage on the way to 'Umrkōt,¹ which is a beautiful place with many tanks.

The rānā² gave the Emperor an honourable reception, and took him into the fort, and assigned him excellent quarters. He gave places outside to the amīrs' people. Many things were very cheap indeed; four goats could be had for one *rupī*. The rānā made many gifts of kids and so on, and paid such fitting service that what tongue could set it forth?

Several days were spent in peace and comfort.

The treasury was empty. Tardī Beg Khān had a great deal of money, and the Emperor having asked him for a considerable loan, he lent 80,000 *ashrafīs* at the rate of two in ten.³ His Majesty portioned out this money to the army. He bestowed sword-belts and *cap-à-pic* dresses on the rānā and his sons. Many people bought fresh horses here.

Mīr Shāh Husain had killed the rānā's father. For this, amongst other reasons, the rānā collected 2,000 or 3,000 good soldiers and set out with the Emperor for Bhakkar.⁴ (48b)

In 'Umrkōt he left many people, and his family and relations, and also Khwāja Mu'azzam to have charge of the *haram*. Hamida-bānū Begam was with child. Three days after his Majesty's departure, and in the early morning of Sunday, the fourth day of the revered Rajab, 949H.,⁵

¹ The little desert town must indeed have seemed a haven after the terrible journey, and not least so to the young wife who some two months later became the mother of Akbar. Humāyūn reached 'Umrkōt on August 22nd, 1542 (Jumāda I. 10th, 949H.).

² Text, *passim*, *ra'nā*. The 'Umrkōt rānā's name was Parsād.

³ (?) 20 per cent. Cf. Mems., 138.

⁴ After a stay of seven weeks in 'Umrkōt. ⁵ October 15th, 1542.

Several more (of the royal troop) hit others with arrows ; the infidels turned to flee, and the fight was won. They brought in several prisoners alive. Then the camp went slowly, slowly on ; but his Majesty was far ahead. Those who had recited the *jātiḥa* came up with the camp.

There was a mace-bearer named Biḥbūd. They sent him galloping after the Emperor, to say : ‘ Let your Majesty go slowly. By Heaven’s grace, a victory has been vouchsafed, and the infidels have fled.’ Biḥbūd himself was taken to the presence, and conveyed the good news.¹

His Majesty dismounted, and a little water even (*ham*)² was found, but he was anxious about the amīrs, and said : ‘ What has happened to them ?’ Then horsemen appeared in the distance, and again there was a cry : ‘ God forbid ! Māldeo !’³ His Majesty sent a man for information, who came running back and said : ‘ Īshān-tīmūr Sultān, and Mīrzā Yādgār, and Mu’nim Khān are all coming, safe and sound.’ They had missed their way. Their return rejoiced the Emperor, who rendered thanks to God.

Next morning they marched on. For three days they found no water. (47b) On the fourth, they came to some very deep wells, the water of which was extraordinarily red. The Emperor halted and alighted near one of the wells ; Tardī Beg Khān was at another ; at a third, Mīrzā Yādgār, and Mu’nim Khān, and Nadīm *kūka* ; and at the fourth, Īshān-tīmūr Sultān, and Khwāja Ghāzī, and Raushan *kūka*.

As each bucket came out of the wells into reach, people flung themselves on it ; the ropes broke, and five or six persons fell into the wells with the buckets. Many perished from thirst. When the Emperor saw men flinging themselves into the wells from thirst, he let anyone drink from

¹ And also, tied to his girths, two heads of foes which he flung at Humāyūn’s feet.

² to brim of the cup of joy.

³ These cries remind one that even now Humāyūn must have had with him a huge contingent of helpless beings, women and children and non-combatants.

my horse.' It would seem that Nadīm¹ Beg heard that his Majesty was giving his horse to the begam and thinking of riding a camel, for he mounted his own mother on a camel and gave her horse to the Emperor.

His Majesty took a guide from this place, and mounted and rode for 'Umrkōt. It was extremely hot; horses and (other) quadrupeds² kept sinking to the knees in the sand, and Māldeo was behind. On they went, thirsty and hungry. Many, women and men, were on foot. (46b)

On the approach of Māldeo's troops, the Emperor said to Īshān(Īsān)-timūr Sultān and to Mu'nim Khān³ and a number of others: 'You all come slowly, and watch the enemy till we have gone on a few miles.' They waited; it grew night, and they missed their way.

All through that night the Emperor went on, and at dawn a watering-place was found. For three days the horses had not drunk. He had dismounted when a man ran in, shouting: 'The Hindūs are coming up in numbers, mounted on horses and camels.' Then the Emperor dismissed Shaikh 'Alī Beg (*Jalāw*), and Raushan *kūka* and Nadīm *kūka*, and Mīr Payanda Muḥammad, brother of Muḥammad Walī, and many others.

They recited the *fātiḥa*, and his Majesty said: 'Go, fight the infidels!' He thought: 'Īshān-timūr Sultān, and Mu'nim Khān,⁴ and Mīrzā Yādgār,⁵ and the rest whom we left behind, have been killed or captured by these people who have now come to attack us.' He mounted and left the camp with a few followers.

Of the band which his Majesty had sent out to fight after reciting the *fātiḥa*, Shaikh 'Alī Beg struck the Rājput captain with an arrow, and cast him from his horse. (47a)

¹ The husband of Māham *anaga*, Akbar's celebrated nurse. (R.A.S.J., January, 1899, art. Māham *anaga*, H. Beveridge.) His mother was Fakhru-n-nisā'. Cf. Gul-badan, 26a and 71a.

² Perhaps ponies only. Text, *chār wā*.

³ Gul-chilra's husband.

⁴ The well-known *Khān-i-khānān* of Akbar's reign.

⁵ Perhaps 'Uncle Yādgār' (*ṭaghāi*), the father of Bega Begam. Yādgār-nāṣir was not here, but still in Sind.

rāja was in Jodhpūr, and sent armour and a camel's-load of *ashrafīs*, and greatly comforted his Majesty by saying: 'You are welcome! I give you Bikanēr.' The Emperor halted with an easy mind, and despatched *Atka Khān* (Shamsu-d-dīn (*Ghaznavī*) to Māldeo, and said: 'What will his answer be?'¹

In the downfall and desolation in Hind, Mullā Surkh, the librarian, had gone to Māldeo, and had entered his service. (45b) He now wrote: 'Beware, a thousand times beware of advancing. March at once from wherever you are, for Māldeo intends to make you prisoner. Put no trust in his words. There came here an envoy from Shīr Khān who brought a letter to say: "By whatever means you know and can use, capture that king. If you will do this, I will give you Nagōr and Alwar and whatever place you ask for."' *Atka Khān* also said when he came: 'This is no time for standing.' So at afternoon prayer-time the Emperor marched off. When he was mounting, they captured two spies and brought them bound before him. He was questioning them when suddenly they got their hands free, and one snatched a sword from the belt of Muḥammad *Gird-bāz*² and struck him with it, and then wounded Bāqī *Quālīārī*. The other at once unsheathed³ a dagger and faced the bystanders, wounded several and killed the Emperor's riding-horse. They did much mischief before they were killed. (46a) Just then there was a cry, 'Māldeo is here!' The Emperor had no horse fit for Hāmīda-bānū Begam. He may have asked for one for her from Tardī Beg,⁴ who apparently did not give it. He then said: 'Let the camel of Jauhar, the ewer-bearer, be got ready for me. I will ride it, and the begam may have

¹ Presumably to *Atka Khān*'s message from Humāyūn.

² (?) *gird-bāzū*, strong-limbed.

³ Doubtful translation; *az mayūn yak kashīda*.

⁴ This excellent officer is frequently a scapegoat. Our begam, however, imputes her blame tentatively. For estimate of his character see B. & H., I. and II., *s.n.*. Jauhar brings Raushan Beg into a similar story of this terrible journey.

come near Bhakkar,¹ do not let him in. Bhakkar may remain your holding. I am with you; I will give you my own daughter.' The mīrzā believed him and did not allow the Emperor to enter the fort, but wished to make him go on, either by force or fraud.

His Majesty sent a messenger to say: 'Bābā,² you are as a son to me. I left you in my stead, so that you might help me in case of need. What you are doing is done by the evil counsel of your servants. Those faithless servants will be faithless to you also.' Whatever his Majesty urged had no effect.³ Then he said: 'Very well! I shall go to Rāja Māldeo.⁴ I have bestowed this country on you, but Shāh Husain will not let you keep it. You will remember my words.' Having said this to the mīrzā, the Emperor marched away by way of Jisalmīr, towards Māldeo. He reached Fort Dilāwar (Dirāwal), on the rāja's frontier, a few days later. (45a) He stayed there two days. Neither corn nor grass was to be had. He then went to Jisalmīr, and on his approach the rāja sent out troops to occupy the road, and there was fighting. The Emperor and some others went aside off the road. Several men were wounded: Alūsh⁵ Beg, brother of Shāham Jalāīr and Pīr Muḥammad the equerry, and Raushang the wardrobe-keeper, and some others.⁶ At length the royal troops won and the infidels fled into the fort. That day the Emperor travelled 60 *kos* (cir. 120 miles), and then halted on the bank of a reservoir.

Next he came into Sitalmīr, where he was harassed all day till he reached Pahlūdī, a *pargana* of Māldeo. The

¹ The mīrzā was at Rūhrī and had not possession of the fort. Cf. B. & H., II., 226, for a good account of his treachery and credulity.

² (?) 'My dear boy'—the Persian word of endearment. The relative position and ages of Humāyūn and Yādgar-nāṣir make 'father' inappropriate.

³ In this extremity Humāyūn turned his thoughts towards Makka.

⁴ Rāja of Jūdpur (Mārwar), who had proffered help.

⁵ Var., Lūsh and Tarsh,—all three names of such disagreeable import as to suggest that they are either nicknames or were bestowed to ward off evil influences. Perhaps *ālūs* should be read. Cf. App. s.n..

⁶ Muqīm *Harāwī*, father of Niẓāmu-d-dīn Aḥmad, took part in this engagement.

which is six or seven days' journey from Tatta.¹ Sehwan has a strong fort, in which was Mir 'Alika, a servant of his Majesty the Emperor.² There were several cannon, so no one could possibly go near. Some of the royal soldiers made trenches, and got near and gave him ('Alika) advice, and said: (44a) 'Disloyalty is not well at such a time,' but Mir 'Alika did not agree with them. Then they made a mine and cast down a tower, but they could not take the fort. Corn became dear and many men deserted. The Emperor spent six or seven months there.

Mirza Shah Husain treacherously laid hands on the royal soldiers in all directions, and made them over to his people, and said: 'Take them and throw them into the salt sea.' Three³ or four hundred would be gathered into one place and flung into boats and thrown into the sea, till as many as 10,000 were cast forth.

⁴As after this there were few men even with the Emperor, (? Shah Husain) filled several boats with cannon and muskets, and came from Tatta against him. Sehwan is near the river. (? Mir 'Alika) hindered the coming of the royal boats and provisions, and sent to say: '(?) I am maintaining my loyalty. March off quickly.' Having no remedy, the Emperor turned to Bhakkar.

When he came near and before he could reach it, Mir (Shah) Husain *Samandar* had sent word to Mirza Yādgār-nāṣir: (44b) 'If the Emperor, when he is retreating, should

¹ Semblance of relevance can be given to this statement only by reference to other writers. Humāyūn had intended to go to Tatta at this time, and was diverted from the journey by a slight success of arms. He then besieged Sehwan.

² Certainly not so, for 'Alika was an Arghūn and follower of Shah Husain. Perhaps Gul-badan wrote or intended to convey that 'Alika had served Bābar as once all the Arghūns had done. Perhaps she has confused the import of the story that Mir 'Alika when sent by Shah Husain to take command of Sehwan, actually passed through Humāyūn's lines and the bāzār without recognition as an enemy.

³ Text, thirty—*sīsad*. No wonder Humāyūn's force vanished! He is said to have left Hindūstān, *i.e.*, Lāhor, with a following of 200,000. This presumably included Kāmran's party, and was made up of soldiers and women, children, traders, servants, etc.. At this time Humāyūn had lost both Hindāl's and Yādgār-nāṣir's troops.

⁴ The narrative becomes much confused here.

will not go. Go yourself and tell her.' When Subhān Qulī went and spoke, the begam replied: 'To see kings once is lawful; a second time it is forbidden. I shall not come. On this Subhān Qulī went and represented what she had said. His Majesty remarked: 'If she is not a consort (*nā mahram*), we will make her a consort (*mahram*).'

To cut the story short: For forty days the begam resisted and discussed and disagreed. At last her highness my mother, Dil-dār Begam, advised her, saying: 'After all you will marry someone. Better than a king, who is there?' The begam said: 'Oh yes, I shall marry someone; but he shall be a man whose collar my hand can touch, and not one whose skirt it does not reach.' Then my mother again gave her much advice. (43b)

At last, after forty days (discussion), at mid-day on Monday (fault) Jumidu-l-awwal (*sic*) 948H. (September, 1541), and in Pātr (*sic*), his Majesty took the astrolabe into his own blessed hand and, having chosen a propitious hour, summoned Mīr Abū'l-baqā and ordered him to make fast the marriage bond. He gave the mīr two laks of ready money for the dower¹ (*nikāhāna*), and having stayed three days after the wedding in Pātr, he set out and went by boat to Bhakkar.

He spent a month at Bhakkar and he sent Mīr Abū'l-baqā to Sultān *Bhakkarī*. The mīr fell ill while away, and went to the mercy of God.²

His Majesty then gave Mīrzā Hindāl leave to go to Qandahār, and he dismissed Mīrzā Yādgar-nāṣir to his own place, Lār. He himself went towards Seāwān³ (Schwān),

¹ Perhaps the ladies romance a little here. Humāyūn was certainly at a loss for money now and later.

² This is not a historic account of the death. He was sent to Yādgar-nāṣir and was shot while crossing the river on his return to Rūhrī by adherents of Shāh Husain. His death caused great grief to Humāyūn. (B. & H., II., 222.)

³ At the end of September, 1541. Hindāl's leave is a sisterly gloss on his acceptance of an invitation to Qandahār given by its governor, Qarācha Khān.

Bābā Dost is related to us. It is fitting that you should give me his daughter in marriage.' Mirzā Hindāl kept on making objections, and said: 'I look on this girl as a sister and child of my own. Your Majesty is a king. Heaven forbid there should not be a proper alimony, and that so a cause of annoyance should arise.'¹

His Majesty got angry, and rose and went away. Then my mother wrote and sent a letter, saying: 'The girl's mother has even before this been using persuasion.'² It is astonishing that you should go away in anger over a few words.' He wrote in reply: 'Your story is very welcome to me. Whatever persuasion you may use, by my head and eyes, I will agree to it. As for what they have written about alimony, please Heaven, what they ask will be done. My waiting eye is on the road.' My mother fetched his Majesty, and on that day she gave a party. When it was over, he went to his own quarters. (43a) On another day he came to my mother, and said: 'Send someone to call Hamidā-bānū Begam here.' When she sent, the begam did not come, but said: 'If it is to pay my respects, I was exalted by paying my respects the other day. Why should I come again?' Another time his Majesty sent Subhān Qulī, and said: 'Go to Mirzā Hindāl, and tell him to send the begam.' The mīrzā said: 'Whatever I may say, she

¹ This looks like a side-glance at the wasted fortunes of royalty. No kingdom! No revenues! Whence then the dowry? It is clear from the sequel that the important point was being pressed.

Jauhar says that Hamidā had been already asked in marriage, but not betrothed or perhaps promised. Her objections to marry Hamāyūn seem personal, and may indicate preference for another and dislike for him. She is said to have been fourteen years old and Hamāyūn was thirty-three, an opium-eater, and much married already. Her objections, whatever their true basis, must have been strong or they could hardly have survived, for Gul-badan to record, through the many years of prosperity and proud motherhood which her husband's renewed sovereignty in India and her son's distinction secured to her.

Behind Gul-badan's story of the wooing of Hamidā there were doubtless many talks over 'old times' when the royal authoress was freshening her memory for her literary task, begun (it seems probable) when she was about sixty-five and Hamidā some few years younger.

² *Mādar-i-dīkhār az in ham peshtar nāz mīkanad.* Perhaps, 'caressed the idea.'

Shaikh 'Abdu-l-ghafūr,¹ to ask: 'How much longer will you be? What prevents you from coming? (42a) Things have come to such a pass that there is inconvenience, and many of my men are deserting.' The reply was: 'My daughter² is promised to Mīrzā Kāmran, and a meeting with me is impossible. I could not wait on you.'

As at this time Mīrzā Muḥammad Hindāl crossed the river, some said he might be going to Qandahār.³ On hearing this his Majesty sent several people after him to make inquiry and to say: 'It is reported that you plan going to Qandahār.' When questioned, the mīrzā said: 'People have given a wrong impression.' On this the Emperor came⁴ to see her Highness my mother.

The mīrzā's *ḥaram* and all his people paid their respects to his Majesty at this meeting. Concerning Ḥamīda-bānū Begam, his Majesty asked: 'Who is this?' They said: 'The daughter of Mīr Bābā Dost.' Khwāja Mu'azzam⁵ was standing opposite his Majesty, who said: 'This boy will be one of my kinsmen (too?).'⁶ Of Ḥamīda-bānū he said: 'She, too, is related to me.' (42b)

In those days Ḥamīda-bānū Begam was often in the mīrzā's residence (*maḥall*). Another day when his Majesty came to see her Highness my mother, he remarked: 'Mīr

¹ Humāyūn's treasurer (*mīr-i-māl*) whose official functions must now have been of the least pressing.

² The admirable Māh-chūchak who insisted upon accompanying the blinded Kāmran to Makka. As her peer in compassion may be commemorated Chilna Beg *kūka*. (B. & H., II., 418.)

³ He encamped at Pāt (text, Patr), about twenty miles west of the Indus and about forty miles north of Schwān. Pāt is in the *sarkār* of Siwistān, a little to the east of the highroad to Hyderābād, and not far north of Meānī, the scene of Napier's victory of 1843. I am indebted to Major-General Malcolm R. Haig for the information that Pāt is 'now a ruin, having been destroyed in the latter part of the eighteenth century when two Kalhora chiefs of Sind called in the Afghāns to quell domestic troubles.'

⁴ Leaving his troops to prosecute the siege of Bhakkar, and passing through Dārbīla where was his cousin, Yādgār-nāsir. From the wording it might be supposed that Gul-badan was with her mother in Pāt, but I believe she was in Kābul at this time.

⁵ Cf. Appendix, s.n. Ḥamīda-bānū.

⁶ (?) interrogative, but the preceding verb is *guftand*, and not *pursā-dand*.

and many men. His Majesty sent him a banner and kettledrums, and a horse, and a head-to-foot suit, and asked for boats and also for corn. After a time Bakhshū *Balūchī* got together and sent about a hundred boats, full of corn too, for the royal service,—a proper attention which pleased the Emperor very much. He divided the corn amongst his people, and crossed the water¹ safe and sound. May mercy be shown to Bakhshū for his dutiful service!

After a weary journey, they reached Bhakkar at last. The fort is in the middle of the river and very strong. The governor, Sultān Maḥmūd (*Bhakkarī*),² had fortified himself in it. (41b) The Emperor alighted safe and well over against the fort, near which was a garden³ made by Mirzā Shāh Husain *Samandar*.⁴

At length his Majesty sent Mīr Samandar to Shāh Husain Mirzā with this message: 'We have come into your territory under compulsion. May your country be blessed to you! We shall not take possession of it. Would to Heaven you would yourself come and pay us your respects, and do us the service which is our due! We intend to go to Gujrāt, and should leave you your own country.' By tricks and wiles, Shāh Husain kept his Majesty as much as five months in Samandar; then he sent a person to wait on him, and to say: 'I am arranging my daughter's wedding-feast, and I send (someone) to wait on you. I shall come (later).' His Majesty believed him, and waited still three months. Sometimes there was corn to be had, sometimes not. The soldiers killed and ate their horses and camels. Then his Majesty sent again, by

¹ The Gāra, near Uch.

² Foster-brother of Shāh Husain *Arghūn*, and the man for whom Sīdī 'Alī *Reis* negotiated terms with Humāyūn in 1555.

³ A delightful garden, the Chār-bāgh of Rūhrī (Lūhrī), on the left bank of the Indus. Shāh Husain felt no anxiety as to military operations after hearing that Humāyūn had camped here. *Chār-bāgh* seems to denote a royal and private garden.

⁴ 'A place in Hindūstān from which aloes are brought.' (Steingass, s.v.) Cf. *Samandūrī*, aloe-wood, of the *Āin*. (Blochmann 80.) Samandar seems an equivalent for Sind.

The Emperor was pleased to say: 'With my brothers' concurrence, I shall go to Badakhshān. (40b) Let Kābul remain the fief of Mīrzā Kāmran.' But Mīrzā Kāmran would not consent to (his Majesty's) going to Kābul,¹ and said: 'In his lifetime the Emperor *Firdaus-makānī* gave Kābul to my mother (Gulrukh Begam). It is not right (for you) to go to Kābul.'

Then said his Majesty: 'As for Kābul, his Majesty *Firdaus-makānī* often used to say, "My Kābul I will give to no one; far from it! Let none of my sons covet it. There God gave me all my children, and many victories followed its capture." Moreover, this expression of opinion is recorded many times in his *Wāqī'a-nāma*. What was the good of my showing kindness to the mīrzā from civility and brotherliness, if he now keep on talking in this way!'

Let his Majesty talk as he would, pacifying and conciliating, the mīrzā resisted more and more. When he saw that there was a large following with Mīrzā Kāmran, and that the mīrzā was in no way willing for him to go to Kābul, he had no resource but to move towards Bhakkar and Multān. Having arrived in Multān, he halted one day. (41a) A small quantity of corn was obtained in the fort and having divided that little amongst his men, he marched on till he came to the bank of a river which was seven rivers in one.² He stood distracted. There were no boats, and he had a large camp with him. Then there came word that Khawāṣ Khān,³ with several amīrs, was coming up behind.

There was a Balūchī named Bakhshū (*sic*) who had forts

¹ Kāmran may well have feared that Humāyūn would get no further than Kābul on his way to Badakhshān.

² *i.e.*, the Indus. The begum's 'seven' is interesting. Cf. 'Sketch of the Hindūstānī Language,' C. J. Lyall, p.1 n.. '*Hindo* represents an earlier *Hindau*, being the modern Persian for the ancient Hendava, *i.e.*, a dweller in the country of the *sapta hīndū* (Sk. *sapta sindhu*), or "seven rivers," now called, with the omission of two (probably the Saraswatī and Drishadwatī or Ghaggar) the Panj-āb.'

³ A follower of Shīr Khān.

In those days Bibī Gūnwar¹ was with child. Everyone said: 'A son will be born.' In that same garden of Dost *munshī* and in the month of Jumāda'u-l-awwal, a daughter was born whom they named Bakhshī-bānū.

At this time his Majesty appointed Mirzā Haidar to take Kashmīr. Meantime, news was brought that Shīr Khān was there. A wonderful confusion followed, and the Emperor decided to march off next morning. (40a)

While the brothers were in Lāhōr, they conferred and took counsel and asked advice, but they did not settle on any single thing. At last the news was: 'Shīr Khān is here.' Then, as there was no help for it, they marched off at the first watch of the day (9 a.m.).

The Emperor's wish was to go to Kashmīr, where he had sent Mirzā Haidar *Kāshgharī*; but news of the mirzā's success had not yet come, and people counselled: 'If your Majesty were to go to Kashmīr, and the country was not conquered at once, it would—with Shīr Khān in Lāhōr—be a very difficult time.'

Khwāja Kilān Beg² was in Siālkōt, and disposed to serve his Majesty. With him was Mū'yid Beg, who wrote: 'The khwāja greatly wishes to serve you and would come, but he has Mirzā Kāmrān to consider. If your Majesty would come quickly, his help would be made easy in an excellent way.' The Emperor at once took arms and equipment, and set out to go to the khwāja, and joined company with him and brought him along.³

however, the coming child's mother had to be of the same descent, since Humāyūn's claim to rank as of the saint's lineage required no prophetic announcement. Indeed this story seems to cast doubt on that claim. Akbar's mother, Hamīda, was of the line of Ahmad of Jām. So, too, was Bega (Ilāji) Begam. Another of the same family was Bābū or Bānū *āghā*, wife of Shihābu-d-dīn Ahmad of Nishāpūr.

¹ To give value to Ahmad's prophecy, Bibī Gūnwar ought also to have traced back to him. She does not seem to have been a woman of rank. The girl now born was at least the third child of Humāyūn, there having been Al-amān and 'Aqīqa, children of Bega Begam and now both dead.

² The well-known old servant of Bābar and now one of Kāmrān's chief amīrs.

³ The begam's story here does not agree with that of Mr. Erskine's authorities. Mū'yid Beg is the ill-adviser of the march from Bengal to Chausa.

will be an entertainment, and 'Shīr Khān's envoy will be present. If I may sit on a corner of your Majesty's carpet, so that there may be distinction between me and my brothers, it will be a cause of my exaltation.'¹

Hamīda-bānū Begam says it was his Majesty who wrote and sent the following verse to the mirzā.² I had heard that he sent it to Shīr Khān by the envoy. This is the verse :

'Although one's image be shown in the mirror,
It remains always apart from one's self.' (396)
'It is wonderful to see one's self in another form :
This marvel will be the work of God.'

When Shīr Khān's ambassador arrived he paid his respects.

The Emperor's blessed heart was cast down. He fell asleep in a sad mood, and saw in a dream a venerable man, dressed in green from head to foot and carrying a staff, who said : 'Be of good cheer ; do not grieve,' and gave his staff into the royal hand. 'The most high God will give you a son who shall be named Jalālu-d-dīn Muḥammad Akbar.' The Emperor asked : 'What is your honourable name?' He answered : 'The Terrible Elephant,³ Aḥmad of Jām ;' and added : 'Your son will be of my lineage.'⁴

¹ For an account of Kāmrān's odious and fruitless treachery see B. & H., II. 200 *et seq.*. The meaning of his message to Humāyūn is not clear to me. Perhaps he wished to show the envoy that he was not on the level of Hindāl and 'Askarī, but able to claim recognition as a ruler and as Humāyūn's equal. Perhaps it was a hint to Humāyūn that he must recognise Kāmrān's equality in the lands in which the latter had been supreme while he himself ruled in Dihlī.

At this time Humāyūn was strongly advised to put Kāmrān to death. He refused, but later on and after a dreary waste of good nature, his filial piety had to yield to the common-sense of his victimized followers and allow the blinding.

² At the time when the verse was written Hamīda was not married. The discussion in 1587 (*circa*) of a 'point' between the ladies is a living touch to the old MS.. Which was likely to be right,—Hamīda who might later have heard the story from her husband, or Gul-badan who was in Lāhōr? Gul-badan puts the difference of opinion gently but does not surrender, and leaves her readers to draw their own inferences.

³ *Zinda-fīl*.

⁴ Humāyūn was of the lineage of Aḥmad of Jām through his mother Māham. (A. N., *Bib. Ind.*, ed. I. i21.) To give force to the prophecy,

and brought what was wanted for the princes and the amīrs.

His Majesty alighted in Khwāja Ghāzī's garden near Bibī Hāj-tāj.¹ Every day there was news of Shīr Khān; and during the three months that the Emperor was in Lāhōr word was brought day after day: 'Shīr Khān has advanced four miles,' 'six miles,' till he was near Sirhind.

One of the amīrs was named Muzaffar Beg. He was a Tūrkman. The Emperor sent him with Qāzī 'Abdu-l-lāh to Shīr Khān to say: 'What justice is there in this? I have left you the whole of Hindūstān. Leave Lāhōr alone, and let Sirhind, where you are, be a boundary between you and me.' (39a) But that unjust man, fearless of God, did not consent, and answered: 'I have left you Kābul. You should go there.'

Muzaffar Beg marched at once, and sent on an express to say: 'A move must be made.' As soon as this message came, his Majesty set off. It was like the Day of Resurrection. People left their decorated places and furniture just as they were, but took with them whatever money they had. There was thankfulness to God, because mercifully a ford was found across the Lāhōr water (Rāvi) where everyone crossed. His Majesty halted a few days on the river's bank. Then an ambassador came from Shīr Khān. The Emperor had decided to see him next morning, when Mīrzā Kāmran made a petition, saying: 'To-morrow there

¹ Abū'l-fazl says that Hindāl's quarters were in Khwāja Ghāzī's garden, and Humāyūn's in Khwāja Dost *munshī*'s.

Bibī Haj, Bibī Taj, Bibī Nūr, Bibī Hūr, Bibī Gūhar, and Bibī Shābaz are said to have been daughters of 'Aqīl, brother of 'Alī (Muḥammad's son-in-law). They were famous for piety and asceticism. After the murder of Imām Husayn at Kerbela, these ladies left Syria for India in obedience to a secret intimation. They alighted outside Lāhōr at the place named by Gul-badan and where their shrine now is. They converted many of the townspeople to their faith, and thus angered the, presumably Hindū, governor. He sent his son to command their departure, but the son fell under their influence, and remained near them. This still more angered his father, who went out against them and their followers with an armed force. The ladies prayed that their honour might be preserved, and they not be seen by strange men. Immediately the earth opened and swallowed them. (*Khazīna'u-l-aṣṣfiyā*, II. 407.)

Just now the Emperor said to Mīrzā Hindāl: ‘‘Aqīqa Begam disappeared in that first interregnum (*fitrat*¹), and I repented extremely, and said: ‘‘Why did I not kill her in my own presence?’’ Now, again, it is difficult to convey women with us.’ Mīrzā Hindāl answered: ‘‘What it would be to your Majesty to kill a mother and a sister, speaks for itself! So long as there is life in me, I will fight in their service. I have hope in the most high God, that,—poor fellow as I am,—I may pour out my life’s blood for my mother and my sisters.’

Then the Emperor set out for Fathīpūr (Sīkrī) with Mīrzā ‘Askarī and Yādgar-nāsir Mirza and the amīrs who had come safely off the battlefield.²

Mīrzā Hindāl sent on before him³ her Highness his mother, who was Dil-dār Begam, and his own sister, Gul-chihra Begam, and Afghānī *āghācha*, and Gul-nār *āghācha*, and Nār-gul *āghācha*, and the amīrs’ wives and families, etc.. He was marching along when the Gawārs pursued him in great numbers. (38b) Some of his troopers charged and defeated them. An arrow struck his horse.⁴ There was much fighting and confusion. Having saved the helpless women from the bond of the Gawārs, he sent on (to Lāhōr) his mother and sister, and many of the amīrs’ people, etc., and went to Alwar. Here he got together tents and pavilions and numerous requisites, and then started for Lāhōr. He arrived in a few days,

¹ *i.e.*, battle of Chausa. *Fitna* would read more easily here. Perhaps behind *fitrat* is the notion of relaxation in effort, or of an interval between two periods of good fortune.

² Amongst them was Haidar Mīrzā, who describes the fugitives as ‘broken and dispirited, and in a state heartrending to tell.’ Sīkrī must have rubbed salt into their wounds, since it recalls Bābar’s triumph. Their halting-place there was his garden, a token of his genius for living.

³ The known enemy, Shīr Khān, was in the rear. With Hindāl’s marriage-feast fresh in mind, one may give a thought to Sultānam. She was probably of this party, since her husband’s contingent was with Humāyūn, and he was not on his *jāgīr* of Alwar.

⁴ *Asp i-mubārīk*, (?) the horse which had the happiness to bear him. Perhaps *asp* is a mistake for some word to which ‘blessed’ would be a more fit adjective.

Lāhōr), come all of you on^e stage.' When one stage was reached, he began to declare, on his oath: 'I will not let you go.' Then he took me by main force, with a hundred weepings and complaints and laments, away from my mothers, and my own mother and my sisters, and my father's people, and my brothers, and parted us who had all grown up together from infancy.¹

I saw that the Emperor's command also was in the affair. I was helpless. (37b) I wrote a suppliant letter, saying: 'I never expected your Majesty to cut off this insignificant one from your service, and to give her to Mirzā Kāmran.' To this humble note he sent a compassionate answer (*salām-nāma*), to this effect: 'I had no heart to part with you, but the mīrzā persisted, and was miserable, and begged very hard, and I was obliged to trust you to him. For just now there is important work² on hand. God willing, I will send for you when it is settled.'

When the mīrzā was starting, many people, amīrs and traders and so on, made preparation with the intention of letting their wives and families march under his escort to Lāhōr. When we reached (the city) news came of a battle on the Ganges, and that defeat had befallen the royal army.³

At least there was this limit to misfortune,—his Majesty and his brothers came safely through the peril.⁴ Our other relations⁵ came from Āgra by way of Alwar to Lāhōr. (38a)

¹ It must be remembered that Gul-badan's husband, Khizr Khwāja, was a brother of Āq Sultān (Yasīn-daulat), Kāmran's son-in-law, and Kāmran may have had other motives than affection for desiring her presence, *e.g.*, the attraction of her husband's contingent.

² The opposition of Shīr Khān, soon to be closed at Kanauj. Gul-badan's enforced departure with Kāmran saved her a painful and hazardous flight.

³ May 17th, 1540 (Muḥarram 10th, 947H.). Mīrzā Haidar gives an admirable account of it as 'the battle of the Ganges.' Gul-badan's full brother, Hindāl, led the van at Kanauj, and defeated Shīr Khān's son, Jalāl. Hindāl was a successful general. 'Askarī, Kāmran's full brother, was defeated by Khawās Khān.

⁴ As at Chausa, so at Kanauj, Humāyūn was nearly drowned. Here he was saved by Shamsu-d-dīn Muḥammad of Ghaznī, whose wife, under the sobriquet of Jī-jī *anaga*, became a nurse of Akbar.

⁵ They were convoyed by Hindāl. See *infra*.

By the Divine mercy he grew better. He suspected that the Emperor's mothers,¹ by his Majesty's advice, had given him poison. His Majesty came to hear of this, and instantly went to see the mīrzā and swore that he had never had such a thought, nor given such an order to any one. Nevertheless, Mīrzā Kāmran's heart was not purged. Afterwards he got worse, day after day, and he lost power of speech.

When news came that Shīr Khān had left Lakhnau, the Emperor marched towards Kanauj, and left Mīrzā Kāmran in Āgra to act for him. In a few days the mīrzā heard that he had made a bridge of boats and crossed the Ganges. On this, he himself marched out of Āgra towards Lāhōr.²

We had settled down³ when he sent⁴ a *farmān* like a king's, and said: 'You⁵ are commanded to go with me to Lāhōr.' He must have said⁶ to his Majesty about me something of this sort: 'I am very ill and very miserable and lonely, and I have no one⁷ to sympathize with me. (37a) If you will order Gul-badan Begam to go with me to Lāhōr, it will be a real favour and kindness.' For his sake his Majesty will have said: 'She shall go.' Two or three days after the Emperor had gone towards Lakhnau, the mīrzā sent a *farmān*,⁸ in royal style, to the effect: 'Most assuredly you will come with me.' Then my mother must have said: 'She has never travelled apart from us.' He replied:⁹ 'If she has not travelled alone, do you also go with her.' He sent as many as 500 troopers and trusty grooms, and both his foster-father and his foster-brother, and said (to my mother): 'If she may not go with me (to

¹ *i.e.*, Bābar's widows.

² A treacherous defection.

³ The royal family, after the Emperor's and the mīrzā's departure.

⁴ Perhaps from his first halting-place outside the city.

⁵ Clearly Gul-badan.

⁶ Before either brother left Āgra.

⁷ *i.e.*, of his kinsfolk, and especially of his women kinsfolk.

⁸ This, I think, is the one already named.

⁹ *īshān farmudana*. This seems to mean Humāyūn, and to refer the following speech back to the earliest discussion of the project of Gul-badan's journey at the time Humāyūn was still in Āgra. The whole episode is confused in narrative.

news: 'She has come to see me!' Muḥammad Hindāl Mīrzā made his mother happy by giving her honourable meeting. He came with her from Alwar, and paid his duty to his Majesty.¹ About Shaikh Bahlūl he said: 'He used to send arms and military appurtenances to Shīr Khān. When this was ascertained, I killed the shaikh on account of it.'

To put it briefly: in a short time came news that Shīr Khān had come near Lakhnau.

In those days his Majesty had a certain servant, a water-carrier. (36a) As he had been parted from his horse in the river at Chausa and this servant betook himself to his help and got him safe and sound out of the current, his Majesty now seated him on the throne. The name of that menial person we did not hear, some said Nizām, some said Sambal. But to cut the story short, his Majesty made the water-carrier servant sit on the throne, and ordered all the amīrs to make obeisance to him. The servant gave everyone what he wished, and made appointments. For as much as two days the Emperor gave royal power to that menial. Mīrzā Hindāl was not present at his court;² he had taken leave, and had again gone to Alwar with the intention of getting arms ready. Neither did Mīrzā Kāmran appear. He was ill, and sent to say to his Majesty: 'Gifts and favours of some other kind ought to be the servant's reward. What propriety is there in setting him on the throne? At a time when Shīr Khān is near, what kind of affair is this to engage your Majesty?'

In those days Mīrzā Kāmran's illness increased amazingly. He became weak and so thin that his face was not in the least his own, and there was no hope of his life. (36b)

¹ Hindāl was received in the presence of Kāmran and other kinsmen. Humāyūn said to Kāmran: 'You know who is to blame! Why did Hindāl rebel?' Kāmran passed on the question to Hindāl himself, who, with profound shame, pleaded that being young he had listened to bad advice, and begged forgiveness. (Erskine's notes on Stewart's Jauhar, B. M. Add. 26,608.)

² Lit., in that ass mibly.

consumed by a hundred thousand regrets and cares, and have said: "Why did I take her with the army?"

A few days later he came to see my mother. He had with him the Holy Book. He commanded the attendants to retire¹ for awhile, and they rose and there was privacy. Then he said to *ājam* (Dil-dār Begam) and this insignificant one, and to Afghānī *āghācha*, and Gul-nār *āghācha*, and Nār-gul *āghācha*, and my nurse (*anaga*): 'Hindāl is my strength' and my spear;² the desirable light of my eyes, the might of my arm, the desired, the beloved. May what I do be right! What shall I say to Mīrzā Muḥammad Hindāl about the affair of my Shaikh Bahlūl? What was to be has been! Now there is no anger in my heart against Hindāl. If you do not believe it' . . . He had lifted up the Holy Book when her Highness my mother, Dil-dār Begam, and this poor thing snatched it from his hand. All cried, 'May what you do be right! Why do you say such things?'

Then again he spoke: 'How would it be, Gul-badan, if you went yourself and fetched your brother, Muḥammad Hindāl Mīrzā?' (35b) Her Highness, my mother, said: 'This girlie (*dukhtaraki*) is young. She has never made a journey (alone). If you approved, I would go.' His Majesty said: 'If I give you this trouble, it is because it is clearly incumbent on fathers and mothers to feel for their children. If you would honour him with a visit, it would be a healing-balm applied for us all.'

Then he sent Mīr Abū'l-baqā³ with her Highness my mother, to fetch Mīrzā Hindāl. At once on hearing this

¹ *kināra kardand*. This metaphor recalls the arrangement of carpets in Persian rooms, with the carpet proper in the centre, an upper end (*sar-andāz*) and borders (*kināra*). 'Go aside' might be a good rendering.

² *qūl*, Mongolian,—main body of an army.

³ Ar. *qanāt*.

⁴ Here and in the apostrophe to Gul-badan I have allowed the *man* to indicate the affection Humāyūn had for his half-sister and for the revered shaikh. It might be, however (as at 'Now there is no anger,' cf. text), the simple first person.

⁵ B. & H., II., s.n..

go to Āgra, and not think of establishing yourself in Dihlī.' (31b)

Mirzā Kāmran gave heed to Mir Faqr-'alī's words, and bestowed on him a head-to-foot dress. He then seized Mirzā Hindāl and came to Āgra. He visited the tomb of *Firdaus-makānī*,¹ saw his mother and sisters, and halted in the Rose-scattering² Garden.

At this time Nūr Beg brought word of his Majesty's coming.³ As Mirzā Hindāl was excluded from the presence because of the murder of Shaikh Bahlūl, he went to Alwar.⁴

A few days after his Majesty's arrival, Mirzā Kāmran came from the Rose-scattering Garden and paid his respects to him. We paid our respects on the evening of the day he came. He took notice of this insignificant one, and was kindly pleased to say : ' I did not know you at first, because when I led the army (whose footprints are victorious⁵) to Gaur Bangāla, you wore the high cap (*tāq*), and now when I saw the muslin coif⁶ I did not recognise you. And oh, my Gul-badan, I used very often to think of you, and was sometimes sorry, and said : " I do wish I had brought her !" But at the time of the disaster (*fiḥrāt*) I was thankful I had not, and I said : (35a) " Thank God I did not bring Gul-badan !" For although 'Aqīqa⁷ was young, I have been

¹ Bābar's remains then had not been conveyed to Kābul in 1539.

² (?) Gold-scattering. Mr. Erskine calls it so, and it is likely to be that already mentioned by Gul-badan more than once.

³ Retreating from Chausa.

⁴ His own *jāgīr*.

⁵ *zāfr-azar*. This, after Chausa, can only be a precativē of Gul-badan's.

⁶ This change appears to indicate that Gul-badan, who is about eighteen or nineteen years old, has been married. The Persian has *lachaḡ qaṣāba*, without conjunction. Steingass and Johnson describe the *lachaḡ* as a square mantle worn by women, 'doubled into a triangle, but here the description given in the *Burhān-i-qātī* is more apropos, i.e., a square of stuff folded cornerwise and put upon the head so that the corners tie under the chin. It is often (*l.c.*) elaborately embroidered in gold. *Qaṣāba* appears to have the same meaning as *lachaḡ*.

⁷ Cf. p. 33b.

child, and Shād Bibī, all three¹ (*sic*) of whom were of his Majesty's *haram*. Of these several people, he never heard even a word, as to whether they were drowned or what became of them. In spite of all possible inquiry and search, what had become of them was never found out.

His own illness² dragged on for forty days, and he then grew better.

At this time, when Khusrau Beg (*kūkultāsh*), and Diwāna Beg, and Zahīd Beg, and Sayyid Amīr, had come on in advance of his Majesty, news again arrived that the mīrzās, Muḥammad Sultān Mīrzā and his sons, had come to Kanauj. (34a)

After Shaikh Bahlūl's murder, Mīrzā Hindāl went to Dihlī. He took with him Mīr Faqr-'alī and other well-wishers to frustrate and disperse the mīrzās. The mīrzās fled, and came into the Kanauj quarter. Mīr Faqr-'alī brought Mīrzā Yādgār-nāṣir to Dihlī. As there was neither friendliness nor confidence between Mīrzā Hindāl and Mīrzā Yādgār-nāṣir, Mīrzā Hindāl, when Mīr Faqr-'alī made this mistake, sat down out of sheer annoyance and besieged Dihlī.³

When Mīrzā Kāmrān heard these things, there arose in him also a desire of sovereignty. With 12,000 fully equipped horsemen he went to Dihlī. Mīr Faqr-'alī and Mīrzā Yādgār-nāṣir closed the city gates on his approach. Two or three days later, Mīr Faqr-'alī, having made an agreement, went and saw Mīrzā Kāmrān. He represented: 'The news heard of his Majesty and Shīr Khān may be so and so.'⁴ Mīrzā Yādgār-nāṣir, from thought of his own interest, does not wait on you. The advisable course at this crisis is, that you should lay hands on Mīrzā Hindāl,

¹ Perhaps the copyist has omitted a name; perhaps, as a child of Humāyūn, 'Aqīqa is 'of the *haram*.'

² From his wound or from distress of mind. The 'forty days' suggest the ceremonial term of mourning.

³ The whole of the above paragraph it would be safest to hide with Hindāl under his sister's charitable cloak. For a historical account of the time, see B. & H., II., Book IV., Chap. IV.

⁴ Clearly the ill news of the rout at Chausa.

When his Majesty reached the river's bank, he stopped, bewildered as to the crossing, and said: 'How to cross without boats!' Then came the rāja (Bīrbahān) with five or six horsemen and led him through a ford. For four or five days his people were without food or drink. At last the rāja started a bāzār, so that the people of the army lived some days in comfort and repose. The horses also were rested. Many men who were on foot bought fresh mounts. In short, the rāja rendered fitting and dutiful services. Later on his Majesty gave him leave to go, and at the hour of mid-day prayer came himself, safely and comfortably, to the bank of the Jamna. The army crossed at a ford they had found. A few days later they came to Karra, where corn and grass were plentiful, because it was his Majesty's own country. (33*b*)

When his people were rested, he went on to Kalpī, and then marched on to Āgra.

Before his arrival in Āgra, he heard news that Shīr Khān was coming (from) the direction of Chausa. Great anxiety fell upon his people.

Of many who were in that rout (at Chausa) there was never heard, in any way soever, news or sign. Amongst them were 'Āyisha Sultān Begam, daughter of Sultān Ḥusain Mirzā¹ (*Bāyqarā*); and Bachaka, who was a *khalīfa* of my royal father;² and Bega-jān *kūka*; and 'Aqīqa Begam;³ and Chānd Bibī, who was seven months with

the misadventures which culminated in the defeat. This—the rout at Chausa—occurred near to where the Sōn falls into the Ganges and at Chūpat Ghat, on June 27th, 1539 (Ṣafar 9th, 946H.). The statement of Humāyūn's visit to Chunār, I do not find elsewhere. Chunār was then held by royalists. The Arail named is presumably that near Allāhābād.

¹ Wife of Qāsim Ḥusain Sultān *Uzbek*, whose timely arrival gave Bābar so much satisfaction. (13*a*) Qāsim had been Governor of Patna (32*b*), but, from the circumstance of his wife's being at Chausa, would seem to have left it with Humāyūn.

² A Bachaka, who was a *khalīfa* of Bābar's household, escaped with him from Samarqand in 1501 (907H.), some thirty-eight years before the Chausa episode. *Khalīfa*, as applied to a woman, denotes a servant or slave who exercises surveillance over other women-servants, and has charge of rooms,—an upper maid-servant.

³ Bega Begam's daughter, who will have been about eight years old.

ments and military stores in an underground place, and would have loaded them on carts and sent them to Shīr Khān and the mīrzās.¹ Mīrzā Hindāl would not believe it, so Mīrzā Nūru-d-dīn Muḥammad was sent to inquire into the matter. He found the armour and accoutrements, and had *Bandagī* Shaikh Bahlūl killed.² The Emperor, on hearing news of it, set out for Āgra.

He was coming by that side of the Ganges (*i.e.*, the left bank) opposite Mungīr, when his amīrs represented: 'You are a great king! Return by the way you came, lest Shīr Khān should say: "Forsaking his road of advance, he took another of retreat."' ³ The Emperor returned to Mungīr, and brought many of his people and his family by boat up the river as far as Hajīpūr-Patna.

When he went (to Bengal) he had left Qāsim (Husain Sultān Uzbek) there. Now came news of Shīr Khān's approach. Whenever there was fighting, the royal troops won.

Just now Bābā Beg (*Jalāīr*) came from Jaunpūr and Mirak Beg from Chanāda (Chunār), and Mughal Beg from Oude. (33a) As these three amīrs joined the Emperor, corn became dear.

Then,—such was God's will,—they had halted without precaution, when Shīr Khān came and fell upon them. The army was defeated, and many kinsmen and followers remained in captivity. His Majesty's own blessed hand was wounded. Three days he remained in Chunār, and then came to Araīl.⁴

cannot have believed the accusation. Perhaps, however, her long friendship with Nūru-d-dīn's daughter Salīma would make her pen discreet in blaming his murder of the shaikh.

¹ The rebels mentioned on p. 236.

² For the probable facts, *cf.* B. & H., II. 162 *et seq.*

³ It was Mu'yīd Beg *Duladai Barlūs* who urged this foolish point of honour, and who thus led to the disaster at Chausa. He was a cruel man as well as one ignorant in military matters. He was a favourite of Humāyūn, but the Emperor's followers rejoiced when he died.

⁴ Gul-badan's brevity (natural enough even if she were more historic in method) is somewhat misleading. Mr. Erskine allows one to follow

to Garhī.' There was fighting, and Jahāngīr Beg was wounded and many men were slain.

When the Emperor had spent three or four days in Kohlgānū (Colgong), it became advisable for him to march on and halt near Garhī. He marched forward, and when he came near Garhī, Shīr Khān and Khawāṣ Khān fled by night, and he entered Garhī next day. Thence he went to Gaur Bangāla, and took it.

He was nine months in the far-away country of Gaur, and named it Jannatābād.¹

He was comfortably and safely in Gaur, when news came that some of the amīrs had deserted and joined Mīrzā Hindāl.²

Khusrau Beg³ (*kūkaltāsh*) and Zahīd Beg⁴ and Sayyīd Amīr⁵ paid their respects to the mīrzā, and said: 'The Emperor has gone comfortably far away, and the mīrzās, Muḥammad Sultān Mīrzā and his sons, Ulugh Mīrzā and Shāh Mīrzā, have again raised their heads,⁶ and continually keep showing themselves in company.' (32*b*)

Just at this time the asylum of shaikhs, the servitor (*bandagī*) Shaikh Bahlūl, hid⁷ armour and horse-accoutre-

¹ City of Paradise. The demoralizing effects of life in Gaur were felt under Akbar. Humāyūn, with his empire crumbling around him, was now (as Jauhar testifies) 'so much devoted to pleasure and sensual enjoyment that, after the first month, he was never seen, as he was always shut up in a private apartment of the palace.' Naturally, Gul-badan's next item of narrative is of rebellion,—this time by her own brother, Hindāl.

² He was only nineteen, and the crown may well have seemed at anyone's service. The date is 1538 (945*H.*). Humāyūn in Gaur was cut off from his capital by Shīr Khān.

³ Bābar first names him in 1507-8 as coming from Harāt. There are two men named Khusrau *kūkaltāsh* by Bābar, but they were not contemporaries. One died in 1502-3, before the other came upon the scene.

⁴ Husband of the sister of Bega Begam, Humāyūn's wife. He was put to death by Mīrzā Kāmrān at Ghaznī in 1547.

⁵ Sayyid Nūru-d-dīn Mīrzā, the father of Salima Sultān Begam, and the husband of a daughter of Bābar. Cf. App. *s.n.* Gul-rang.

⁶ Hindāl had recently defeated them. (Erskine, II. 89 *et seq.*) For causes of Hindāl's rebellion, and for Bega Begam's part in it, see Erskine's Jauhar, *l.c.*, p. 13.

⁷ Some words seem to be omitted, *e.g.*, 'was accused of.' Gul-badan

was a tumult, and Mirzā 'Askarī's people left Aḥmadābād and came to the Emperor. They represented to him that Mirzā 'Askarī¹ and Yādgār-nāṣir Mirzā had conspired, and wished to go to Āgra. On hearing this, he himself was forced to go; he left the important affairs of Gujrāt [(?) its pacification], and turned away and went to Āgra. Here he spent as much as a year.²

He then went to Chanāda (Chunār), and took it,³ and also Benares. Shīr Khān was in Charkanda,⁴ and made an offer of service, saying: 'I am your old servant. Give me a place with a fixed boundary in which I may establish myself.'

His Majesty was considering this, when the king of Gaur Bangāla⁵ came wounded and a fugitive. For this reason he gave no attention (to Shīr Khān), but marched towards Gaur Bangāla. Shīr Khān knew that his Majesty had gone there, and went himself also with a large detachment of horse, and joined his son (Jilāl Khān), who was in Gaur with his servant Khawāṣ Khān. Shīr Khān sent them out, and said: 'Go and fortify Garhī.'⁶ (32a)

Both came and occupied Garhī. His Majesty had written to Jahāngir Beg: 'Advance a stage, and go up

Humāyūn now relapsed into an evil mood of feasting and indolence. He remained near Champānir, and affairs entered on a recurrent phase. There was complete relaxation of discipline.

Gul-badan's 'we had settled down' (*nishista budīm*) allows the inference that she and other ladies had joined the camp. A later instance will be found of the inopportune presence of women and children with the army. But it may mean merely 'we were comfortably awaiting events' in Āgra.

¹ He was thinking of having the *khutba* read in his own name in Āgra. Such an aspiration in Humāyūn's brothers was encouraged by his own abdications of sovereignty.

² A fatal year which allowed Shīr Khān to gather force. Gul-badan's recital of the historical events of this time has no value.

³ Shīr Khān.

⁴ Jharkand.

⁵ Sayyid Maḥmūd Shāh. He had been defeated by Shīr Khān. (Cf. Erskine's notes on Stewart's Jauhar, B. M. Add. 26,608, p. 12.)

⁶ 'The gate of Bengal,' a pass between it and Bihār, and which has a hill on one hand and the Ganges on the other. It is the Teria garhī or Tilia gully of our maps.



SHĪR SHĀH AFGHĀN.

his Majesty resolved to pursue him. Sultān Bahādur left Champānīr and went towards Aḥmadābād.¹ His Majesty took the country of Aḥmadābād also, and portioned out the whole of Gujrāt to his men. Aḥmadābād he bestowed on Mīrzā 'Askari,² Bahrūch on Qāsim Husain Sultān,³ and Patan on Yādgar-nāṣir Mīrzā.⁴

He himself, with a small following, went from Champānīr to visit Kanbāyat⁵ (Cambay). A few days later there came a woman with news, and said: 'Why are you sitting here? The men of Kanbāyat have gathered, and will fall upon you unless your Majesty rides off.' The royal amīrs attacked the rabble,⁶ and got them into their hands and cut them in pieces. (31b)

His Majesty then went to Baroda, and from there towards Champānīr.⁷ We had settled down, when there

¹ Taking his treasure with him, Sultān Bahādur fled before Humāyūn to Champānīr, Aḥmadābād, Cambay and Dau.

² Humāyūn's half-brother.

³ Grandson, through a daughter, of Sultān Husain Mīrzā *Bāyqarā*; on his father's side an Uzbek.

⁴ Humāyūn's first cousin, the son of Bābar's half-brother Nāṣir. He was a posthumous child. Mr. Beveridge has drawn my attention to the fact,—of which there are other examples,—that he is called Yādgar, a souvenir, of Nāṣir, his father.

⁵ This excursion preceded the allotment of fiefs. Gul-badan's way of putting the pursuit of Bahādur is borne out by some other writers. This was Humāyūn's first sight of the sea, and the spectacle seems to have been more in her mind than was Bahādur. Akbar's first sight of the sea is also commemorated in the histories.

⁶ Abū'l-faḍl calls them Bhils and Gawārs. (H.B. I. 309.) They were rude tribesmen acting in Bahādur's interests. Maternal affection saved the small royal camp. The 'woman' had a son a slave in it, and she purchased his freedom by revealing the designs of her fellow-tribesmen. Although Cambay had not furnished the assailants, it paid in fire and pillage for the attack. It lay near, was an enemy's town, and such an incident as the onslaught of the Bhils would not allow of fine distinction of race and person.

⁷ Behind this dull statement is a stirring episode. Humāyūn took Champānīr after a four months' blockade, by night escalade of a rock so nearly perpendicular that seventy or eighty iron spikes had to be driven in to allow ascent. Thirty-nine men climbed up. Bairām Khān was the fortieth, Humāyūn the forty-first of the three hundred who mounted. Such a Bābar-like episode makes regret the keener that Humāyūn's life was ruined and stained by his slavery to a drug. The loot of Champānīr was enormous; it had been regarded as impregnable, and was full of treasure. It was taken in 1536 (943 H.).

went to prayers. At the first watch of the day he came out and sent for his sisters and the begams, and for Dil-dār Begam, and Afghānī *āghācha*, and Gul-nār *āghācha*, and Meywa-jār and Āghā-jān, and the nurses (*anaghā*). We all went, and he said not a word, so everyone knew he was angry. Then after a little he began: 'Bibī, what ill-treatment at my hands did you complain of this morning?' and: 'That was not the place to make a complaint. You all (*shumā*) know that I have been to the quarters of the elder relations (*walī' u-n-nū'matān*) of you all (*shumāyān*). It is a necessity laid on me to make them happy. Nevertheless, I am ashamed before them because I see them so rarely. It has long been in my mind to ask from you all a signed declaration (*sijlī*), and it is as well that you have brought me to the speaking-point. I am an opium-eater. If there should be delay in my comings and goings, do not be angry with me. Rather, write me a letter, and say: "Whether it please you to come or whether it please you not to come, we are content and are thankful to you."'

Gul-barg Begam wrote to this effect at once, and he settled it with her.¹ Bega Begam insisted a little, saying: 'The excuse looked worse than the fault.'² (31a) We complained in order that your Majesty might lift up our heads by your favour. Your Majesty has carried the matter to this point! What remedy have we? You are Emperor.' She wrote a letter and gave it to him, and he made it up³ with her also.

On February 18th, 1534 (Sha'bān 14th, 941 H.), he set out from the Gold-scattering Garden and marched for Gujrāt, to fall upon Sultān Bahādūr. They confronted one another at Manḥasūr (Mandsūr); a battle was fought, and Sultān Bahādūr, on his defeat, fled to Champānīr. Then

¹ *ba Gul-barg Begam daryāftand.*

² A familiar proverb. Cf. Steingass, 840, *s.v.* 'azr.

³ *daryāftand.* Gul-badan frequently uses this word as meaning to embrace and to greet, a sense not mentioned by Johnson or Steingass. The *ba* of the earlier instance (note 1.) induced me to give it the notion of coming to an understanding. Cf. 16b.

order. When they had put up the pavilions (*khaima*) and tents (*khar-gāh*) and the audience tent (*bār-gāh*), the Emperor came to see the camp and the splendid set-out, and visited the begams and his sisters. As he had dismounted somewhat near Ma'sūma Sultān Begam's (tent), he honoured her with a visit. All of us, the begams and my sisters were in his society. (30a) When he went to any begam's or sister's quarters, all the begams and all his sisters used to go with him. Next day he came to the tent¹ of this lowly person, and the entertainment lasted till the third watch² of the night. Many begams were there, and his sisters, and ladies of rank (*begahā*) and of position (*āghahā*), and other ladies (*āghāchahā*), and musicians and reciters. After the third watch his Majesty was pleased to command repose. His sisters and the begams made resting-places (*takīa*) in his presence.³

Bega Begam woke (us) up, and said: 'It is time for prayers.'⁴ His Majesty ordered water for ablution⁵ made ready where he was, and so the begam knew that he was awake. She began a complaint, and said to him: 'For several days now you have been paying visits in this garden, and on no one day have you been to our⁶ house. Thorns have not been planted in the way to it. We hope you will deign to visit our quarters also, and to have a party and a sociable gathering there, too. How long will you think it right to show all these disfavours to us helpless ones? We too have hearts. Three times you have honoured other places by visits, and you have run day and night into one in amusement and conversation.' (30b)

When she had finished, his Majesty said nothing, and

¹ *khāna*, lit., house.

² *pahr*. Gul-badan names the Hindūstānī division of time into watches on which her father had commented as being a novelty to himself. (Mems., 331.)

³ It seems, as again later on, that they fell asleep where they were seated, on mattresses and provided with pillows.

⁴ The early morning prayers, about which the opinion is expressed that prayer is better than sleep.

⁵ *waẓū'*, ablution before prayers. Cf. Hughes, Dict. of Islām.

⁶ From what follows Gul-barg would seem to be the fellow-sufferer.

gold and silver vessels, and two other sets of nine horses, baggage animals, with velvet saddles and bridles; and brocade and Portuguese cloth, and Tūrki and Habshi and Hindī slaves,—in all, three sets of nine; and three head of elephants.

In his Majesty's leisure after the feast came news that the vazīr of Sultān Bahādur, Khurāsān Khān by name, had attacked Bayāna. His Majesty despatched Mīrzā 'Askari, with several amīrs, Mir Faqr-'ali Beg and Mir Tardi Beg, etc.. These went to Bayāna and fought and defeated Khurāsān Khān.¹ (29b) The Emperor set out for Gujrāt shortly afterwards, in prosperity and safety. It was on the 15th of the revered Rajab 941H.² that he quite decided to go himself to Gujrāt. He set up his advance camp in the Gold-scattering Garden, and there spent a month while the forces were gathering in.

On court days, which were Sundays and Tuesdays, he used to go to the other side of the river. During his stay in the garden, *ājam* (Dil-dār Begam) and my sisters and the ladies (*ḥaramān*) were often in his company. Of all the tents, Ma'sūma Sultān Begam's was at the top of the row. Next came Gul-rang Begam's, and *ājam*'s was in the same place. Then the tent of my mother,³ Gul-barg Begam and of Bega Begam⁴ and the others.

They set up the offices (*kār-khānahā*) and got them into

¹ Mīrzā Muqīm, Khurāsān Khān.

² January 29th, 1535. Abū'l-faḡl gives Jumāda I, 941H. (November, 1534) as the time for collecting the troops. Perhaps the begam's date is that of departure, a day liable to postponement when Humāyūn was in pleasant quarters.

³ It may be that the copyist has transferred the words 'my mother' from a quite usual place,—preceding or following the *ājam* of the previous sentence. They are inappropriate to Gul-barg Begam; at least, I have never seen them used to describe a brother's wife, and such I believe this Gul-barg to be. We know of a 'Bībī Gul-barg,' mentioned somewhat condescendingly (21a) by Māham Begam; I incline to take Gul-barg there and here as Khalifa's daughter, and the former wife of Mīr Shāh Husain *Arghūn*. Cf. Appendix, s.n. Gul-barg.

⁴ This is, I think, Humāyūn's wife and the mother of 'Aqīqa. The object of Gul-badan's enumeration of the tents seems to be desire to show that Bābar's daughters and widow had places of honour higher than Humāyūn's family.

one of emerald, one of turquoise, one of topaz, and one of cat's-eye.

Again: of necklaces, nine; and one embroidered collar and bordering, and four short jackets¹ with ball-trimming (*tukma-dār*), and one pair of ruby earrings and another of pearls, three fans,² and one royal umbrella.

One *dirakht*³ and two *khutl*³ and other furniture and effects, and household goods and chattels and workshops⁴ of all sorts. (29a) Khānzāda Begam gave everything she had collected, and she arranged a feast such as had not been made for any other child of my royal father. She planned it all and carried it all out.

. . . nine *tipūchāq* horses, with jewelled and gold-embroidered saddles and bridles; and gold and silver vessels and slaves,⁵ Türkī and Circassian and Arūs (? Rūs) and Abyssinian,—of each (race) a royal gift of nine.

What my royal father's brother-in-law⁶ (Mahdī Khwāja) gave to the mirzā was a set of nine *tipūchāq* horses, with jewelled and gold-embroidered saddles and bridles; and

¹ *chār qartījī*; a suggested rendering only. Johnson gives *kartī* (*qartī*) as a short boddy reaching to the hips, and the *qar* recurs in other words, having the sense of a body garment; e.g., *qartāq*, a short-sleeved jacket; *qarza*, a woman's vest.

² *pankha*.

³ I find no help as to these words in the dictionaries. My only suggestion as to their possible meaning is too slightly based to be of value. It is this: In the South Kensington Museum, Oriental Section, I have seen tall lamp-stands so shaped that they recall the *Quṣb* pillar outside Dihli. That such stands would be a part of good household furnishing the South Kensington Museum allows us to suppose. We have our 'tall lamps,' our 'pillar lamps,' and also our 'branched candlesticks,' which may be a term parallel to *dirakht*, a tree.

⁴ *kār-khānahā*. These may be the kitchen and its plenishing; the goldsmith's, with his tools, furnaces, and appliances; the perfumer's, etc.. Cf. *Ā'in*, Blochmann, and *Tār. Rash.*, E. & R., 470.

⁵ *ghulāmān*, which I have rendered slaves, because they were a gift. But I know no warrant for such servitude as is thus implied.

⁶ *yazna*, which is explained by Vambéry and Steingass as 'husband of the king's sister.' Nizāmu-d-din Ahmad styles Mahdī Khwāja *damād*, which Meninsky and Steingass explain as 'husband of the king's sister' and 'son-in-law.' I do not find *yazna* rendered son-in-law by any of the dictionaries. To read *yazna* 'brother-in-law of the king' agrees with the detailed statement of Mahdī's relation to Bābar made by Bāyazīd *bīyāt*. Cf. Appendix, s.n. Khānzāda.

as though she were her child. Sultānam was two years old when Khānzāda Begam took charge of her. She (Khānzāda) loved her very much, and thought of her as a brother's child of her own. She made a most entertaining and splendid feast.

A *kūshka*¹ and hangings (*adṣaqa*)² and five divans and five pillows for the head (*yīstūq*), and one large pillow and two round ones (*galūla*); and girdles (*qūshqa*) and veils (*naqūb*), together with a tent³ . . . with three gold-embroidered cushions and head-to-foot dresses for a prince, with collar and bordering of gold embroidery, and bath-wrappers (*fauḥa*) and napkins (*rūpāk*) and embroidered towels (*rūmāl*) and an embroidered mantle (*qūrposh*) to be worn over the armour.

For Sultānam Begam: nine jackets (*nīm-tana*)⁴ with garniture of jewelled balls,⁵ one of ruby, one of cornelian,

¹ M. Quatremère uses this word twice with perhaps two meanings. (Notices et Extraits, XIV. 324, 325 and 406-8.) At p. 408 he translates it *kiosques*, and it seems to be a building. At pp. 324 and 406 he leaves it untranslated. (Here it may have the sense given by Gul-badan.) It is named amongst items prepared for ambassadors at a post-house. These are: '*kaṭ*, trône; *bastar*, estrade; . . . *kushka*; *jīnlīk*; *sandalī*, siège,' etc. Gul-badan might intend to name a canopy or screen for a sleeping-place in a large room or a movable kiosk with sleeping comforts.

² Cf. 22b.

³ A word follows *tent* which I cannot make out. It resembles *j-(h, ch)-l-gh* (no vowels).

⁴ *nīm-'ana*, i.e., demi-corps. Like many of Gul-badan's words, this is marked by Steingass as 'modern colloquial.' Apropos of this, Dr. Fritz Rosen says in the preface of his *Modern Persian Colloquial Grammar*, that the Persian of Irān differs 'in every respect' from the Persian of India. The Persian of Gul-badan allows one to feel at home with the *vazīr* of Lonkurān, and with Dr. Rosen's own book. Perhaps the difference he indicates is between the literary and colloquial. Gul-badan's Persian, however, is presumably that of contemporary Irān, and her teachers were probably Persian born. Dr. Rosen's remark appears to require some restriction.

⁵ *tukma* (*dār*), usually translated *buttons*; but the button is so associated with the button-hole as to suggest a fastening. A dressmaker might say 'ball-trimming.' Globular buttons were and are placed round the neck and hem of a bodice. The *vazīr* of Lonkurān ordered a jacket with garniture of twenty-four gold buttons, smaller than a hen's and larger than a pigeon's. Vests trimmed with 'buttons' (Mems.) are repeatedly named by Bābar as gift.

honour were put on,¹ and gifts bestowed, and head-to-foot dresses given to the comfit-eaters and others.

On the margin of the tank was a room (*tālār*)² fitted with talc windows, and young people sat in the room and players made music. Also a woman's *bāzār*³ had been arranged, and boats had been decorated. In one boat was made (?) the semblance of six people (*kaṣī*) and six alcoves (*kaṇj*); in (another) an upper room, and below it a garden with amaranthus and cockseeds and larkspurs⁴ and tulips. In one place there were eight boats, so that there were eight pieces.⁵

In short, everyone was astonished and amazed who beheld what gift of contrivance the great God had bestowed on the blessed mind of his Majesty. (28b)

THE DESCRIPTION OF MĪRZĀ HINDĀL'S (MARRIAGE) FEAST IS
AS FOLLOWS:⁶

Sultānam Begam (*i.e.*, the bride) was a sister of Mahdī Khwāja.⁷ My father's brother-in law (*yazna*) had no child except Ja'far Khwāja, and there was no child (?) of Khānzāda Begam).⁸ Dearest lady had taken care of Sultānam

¹ It was now that 12,000 *khil'ats* are said to have been distributed. In this passage Gul-badan twice uses the expression *sar u-pāi*. Perhaps one might say that the 'young people' were given new clothes from head to foot, and so shake off the fetters of the rigid *khil'at*, *sar u-pāi*, and 'honorary dresses.'

² The dictionaries I have seen, explain *tālār* as a saloon built of wood and supported on four columns, and this is appropriate here. Le Strange and Haggard (Vazīr of Lonkurān) say, 'Alcove or chamber in which a ruler sits to give public audience and hear suitors.' It is raised above the level of the (*c.g.*) courtyard, so that petitioners are below the *hakīm*. Approaching this meaning is the 'throne' of the dictionaries.

³ Cf. *Āin*, Blochmann, 276; *Khushroz*, or Day of Fancy Bāzār.

⁴ *nā-firmān*, stubborn, (?) because they will break and not bend. Balfour (Cyclopædia) and Forbes (Hind. Dict.) give larkspur; Fallon, poppy. An account of the boats, etc., may be read in B.M. MS. Add. 30,774, where is a translation by Sir H. Elliott's *munshī* from Khwānd-amīr.

⁵ *parcha*. Perhaps flower-gardens; perhaps Fr. *pièce*. Cf. *Un appartement de deux, trois pièces*.

⁶ Jauhar's date for this is 944H. (1537).

⁷ Many difficulties gather round this name. Cf. Appendix *s.n.* Mahdī Khwāja.

⁸ The copyist has perhaps omitted one *āka-janām*.

gave to Hindū Beg and said: 'This is the share of Dominion; give it to the mirzās and chiefs and vazirs and soldiers.' (27*b*)

He gave in the same way to Mullā Muḥammad Farghārī (Parghālī) and said: 'This is the share of Good Fortune. Give it to those who are eminent and respectable, and to theologians and religious men, to ascetics and graybeards, and dervishes and devotees, and the poor and the needy.'

Concerning one tray of *ashrafīs* and two of *shāhrukhīs* he said: 'This is the portion of Pleasure. This is mine. Bring it forward.' They did so. He said: 'What need is there to count?' First he himself vouchsafed his blessed hand and said: 'Let them take to the begams on one small tray *ashrafīs* and on another *shāhrukhīs*. Let each person take her hands full.' What was left, that is two trays of *shāhrukhīs*,—which may have been 10,000,—and all the *ashrafīs*,—about 2,000—he gave in largesse, and scattered¹ first before the *walī* 'a-n-ni'matān (beneficent seniors), and then to those present at the entertainment. No one received less than 100 or 150, and those in the tank especially received very much. (28*a*) His Majesty was pleased to say: 'Dearest lady! if you approved, they might put water in the tank.' She replied: 'Very good,' and went herself and sat at the top of the steps. People were taking no notice, when all at once (?) the tap was turned and water came. (28*a*) The young people got very much excited. His Majesty said: 'There is no harm; each of you will eat a pellet of anise² and a bit of comfit³ and come out of there.' Upon this, everyone who would eat the comfit came out quickly. The water was as high as their ankles. To end the story, everyone ate the comfit and all came out.

Then the viands of the feast were set forth, and robes of

¹ *nisār*. Again a word which, like *sāchaq*, would seem to fit the marriage feast better than the accession.

² *shīt*. The text has no points and would yield *scb*, apple; but anise is the better remedy against cold.

³ *ma'jūn*, any medical confection, but commonly an intoxicant. Here it may be some preventive of chill.

Facing west (was) the audience hall; facing east, the garden; on the third side and facing south, the large octagon; and on the side facing north, the small one. In these three houses were three upper rooms. One they named the House of Dominion,¹ and in it were nine military appurtenances, such as a jewelled scimitar and gilded armour, a broad dagger and a curved dagger, and a quiver, all gilt, and a gold-embroidered overmantle.² (27a)

In the second room, called the House of Good Fortune, an oratory had been arranged, and books placed, and gilded pen-cases,³ and splendid portfolios,⁴ and entertaining picture-books written in beautiful character.⁵

In the third room, which they called the House of Pleasure, were set out a gilded bedstead and a coffer of sandal-wood, and all imaginable pillows. Then in front were spread specially choice coverlets,⁶ and before these table-cloths, all of gold brocade. Various fruits and beverages had been got ready, and everything for merriment and comfort and pleasure.

On the feast-day of the Mystic House, his Majesty ordered all the mirzās and begams to bring gifts,⁷ and everyone did so. He said: 'Divide the gifts into three heaps.' They made three trays of *ashrafīs* and six of *shāhrukhīs*. One of *ashrafīs* and two of *shāhrukhīs* he

¹ As to this threefold classification, Elliot and Dowson, V., 119, may be consulted.

² Six articles only are separately named, but the *qūr* (translated armour) may be taken in the sense given to it in the *Āin* (Blochmann, 109.), and include four weapons, which makes the total the mystic nine. Cf. *Āin*, l.c., and plates. (N.B.—The numbering of the weapons [l.c. p. 110.] does not agree with that of the plates. Plate X. should be consulted.)

³ *galam-dān*. Several such are to be seen at the S. K. M. They are boxes damascened or painted with pictures, about 10 inches by 3 inches, and contain writing implements. 'Gilded' does not seem an appropriate epithet. Perhaps the dictionaries define imperfectly.

⁴ *juz-dān*. Perhaps the beautiful book-covers of the day. Those having flaps might be called portfolios.

⁵ *muraqqā'*.

⁶ *nihālcha*. Placed, I presume, over carpets.

⁷ *sāchaq*. This word appears to have a special meaning of wedding-gifts, but Gul-badān uses it elsewhere more widely.

68. Māh-liqā *kūka*.

69. Our nurses (*anaga*).

70. Our *kūkas*.

71. The begams' people and the wives of the amīrs.

Those who were on the right.

• 73. Salīna Bega.

74. Bibī Neka.

75. Khānam *āgha*, daughter of Khwāja 'Abdu-l-lāh
Marwārīd.

76. Nigār *āgha*, mother of Mughal Beg.

77. Nār Sultān *āgha*.

78. Āgha *kūka*, wife of Mu'nim Khān.

79. Daughter of Mīr Shāh Husain, (illegible) Bega.

80. Kīsak Māham.

81. Kābulī Māham.

82. Begī *āgha*.

83. Khānam *āgha*.

84. Sa'adat Sultān *āgha*.

85. Bibī Daulat-bakht.

86. Naṣīb *āgha*.

87. (Illegible) Kābulī.

Other begas and āghas, the wives of the amīrs, sat on this hand, and all were present at the marriage feast. (26b)

This was the fashion of the Mystic House : (there was) a large octagonal room in which they gave the feast, over against this a small room, also octagonal. In both every sort of profusion and splendour appeared. In the large octagonal hall was set the jewelled throne, and above and below it were spread out hangings (*adṣaḡahāī*) embroidered with gold, and wonderful strings of pearls (*shadhīhā*) hung, each 1½ yards (*gaz*) in length. At the end of each string (*larī*) were two glass globes. There had been made and hung some thirty or forty strings.

In the small room, in an alcove, were set a gilded bedstead and *pān*-dishes,¹ and water-vessels and jewelled drinking-vessels, and utensils of pure gold and silver.

¹ This word excites curiosity as to the time when Gul-badan's people learned to eat *pān*.

42. Ḥanīfa Bega.

And the others who had sat¹ at the Emperor's left on embroidered divans.

43. Ma'ṣūma Sultān Begam.

44. Gul-rang Begam.

45. Gul-chihra Begam.

46. This insignificant one, the broken Gul-badan.

47. 'Aqīqa Sultān Begam.

48. Ājam, our mother, who was Dil-dār Begam.²

49. Gul-barg Begam.

50. Bega Begam. (26a)

51. Māham's *nanacha*.

52. Sultānam, the wife of Amīr (Nizāmu-d-dīn) *Khalīfa*.

53. Alūsh Begam.

54. Nāhīd Begam.

55. Khurshīd *kūka*, and the children of my royal father's foster-brothers.

56. Afghānī *āghācha*.

57.³ Gul-nār *āghācha*.

58. Nāz-gul *āghācha*.

59. Makhdūma *āgha*, the wife of Hindū Beg.

60. Faṭīma Sultān *anaga*, the mother of Raushan *kūka*.

61. Fakhru-n-nisā' *anaga*, the mother of Nadīm *kūka*.

62. The wife of Muḥammadī *kūka*.

63. The wife of Mu'yid Beg.

64. The *kūkas* of his Majesty: Khurshīd *kūka*.

65. Sharīfu-n-nisā' *kūka*.

66. Faṭḥ *kūka*.

67. Rabī'a Sultān *kūka*.

¹ (?) At the Mystic Feast. Its left-hand guests have not been specified. There are no repetitions of names, although the list seems to give the guests at both feasts. Perhaps down to and including No. 36 the names are of begams who were at the first feast, and then went away. Then come 'our begams' of the right, whose home was near Humāyūn, and who were at both feasts.

² Cf. 23b n..

³ Nos. 57 and 58 are, perhaps, the two Circassians whom Shah Tahmāsp sent as a gift to Bābar (Mems., 347.). Gul-nār is named in Abū 'l-fazl's list of pilgrims who went with Gul-badan to Makka in 983H., and as being of Bābar's household. They (Nos. 57 and 58) are named also by Firishtā.

with the bow and arrow. They also played many musical instruments.

30. Gul Begam.
31. Fauq Begam.
32. Khān (? Jān) Begam.
33. Āfroz-bānū Begam.
34. Āgha Begam.
35. Firoza Begam.
36. Barlās Begam.

There were other begams, very many, adding up altogether to ninety-six stipendiaries. There were also some others.

After the Mystic Feast (938 H.) came Mirzā Hindāl's wedding-feast (Jauhar, 944 H.). Some of the begams already named went away,¹ and (of those) some had sat at the right hand in that assembly (*i.e.*, the Mystic Feast).²

Of our begams :

37. Āgha (*Āghā*,—*passim*, *āgha*), Sultān *āghācha*, mother of Yādgar Sultān Begam.

38. *Ātūn māmā*.

39. Salīma.

40. Sakīna.

41. Bibī Habība.

thickness and unequal width, elongating on one side into a tongue. This elongation lies along the inner side of the thumb, and points towards the thumb-tip. In drawing, the thumb crooks round the string which pulls against the *zih-gīr*. The arrow is released by straightening the thumb, and the string then flies over the hard surface of the ring. The *zih-gīr* is of jade, crystal, ivory, brass, gold, etc.. Some are chased and carved, and some are jewelled. In December, 1898, a remarkable one was offered for sale at an auction in Edinburgh of Lord Dalhousie's collections and the jewels of his daughter, Lady S. G. Brown (Connemara). It is cut from a single emerald, and inscribed: '*Jihat zihgīr shāh-i-shāhān Nādir shāhib-gīrān bar taskhīr-i-hind az jawāhar-khāna intikhāb shud*' ('Selected for a thumb-ring for the king of kings and lord of happy conjunction Nādir, from the jewel-room or the conquest of Hind').

An interesting account of Persian archery is included in the 'Book of Archery,' G. Agar Hansard (Lond., 1840.). It, however, calls the *zih-gīr*, *safn*. *Safn* is the rough skin of a fish or lizard which is used to smooth the arrow-shafts. (*Cf.* Lane's Ar. Dict.)

¹ *Ba wilāyati*. (?) to Kabul and other outside places.

² Perhaps this is an explanation of the paucity of right-hand wedding-guests.

21. Khānish, sister of Mīrzā Ḥaidar and daughter of (a) maternal (great-)aunt of his Majesty.

22. Bega Kilān Begam.¹

23. Kīchak Begam.

24. Shāh Begam, mother of Dil-shāh Begam, and daughter of Fakhr-jahān Begam (No. 1.), paternal (great-) aunt of his Majesty.

25. Kīchakna Begam.

26. Apāq (Āfāq) Begam, daughter of Sultān Bakht Begam (No. 4.).

27. Mihr-liq (? Mihr-bānū) Begam, paternal aunt of his Majesty.

28. Shād Begam, grand-daughter of Sultān Husain Mīrzā, and daughter of a paternal aunt of his Majesty (? No. 22.).

29. Mihr-angez Begam, daughter of Muzaffar (Husain) Mīrzā, and grandchild of Sultān Husain Mīrzā. (25b) They had great friendship for one another (? Shād and Mihr-angez), and they used to wear men's clothes and were adorned by varied accomplishments, such as the making of thumb-rings² and arrows, playing polo, and shooting

¹ Probably the daughter of Sultān Maḥmūd Mīrzā and mother of Shād Begam (No. 28.) by a son, Ḥaidar, of Sultān Husain Mīrzā.

² Text *zih-gīrī tarāshī*, which might be experimentally rendered carving thumb-rings, a gentle art of the day. But if *wa* be inserted, each word would represent a separate accomplishment of the well-bred in knightly arts. These would be congenial to a lady who played polo (*chaugān*). Cf. Bābar's account of Ḥaidar's accomplishments (Huninsky, 14, Mems., 13, P. de C., 22.), and Ḥaidar's own recital in his prologue to the *Tārīkh-i-rashīdī*.

I suggest to take *tārashī* (a word not used by Bābar or Ḥaidar) as equivalent to the fletcher's (*auq*), or the 'making arrow-heads' (*pai'ān*), of Bābar.

Another possible reading has been suggested to me by Mr. Beveridge —(a)z *hikīrī tarāshī*, 'by cutting arrows.' *Hikīrī* is a Hindī name for cultivated reeds grown on low marshy grounds. (Wilson's Glossary, s.v., and Platt's Hindustānī Dict.) There is nothing improbable in Gul-badan's use of a Hindī word. Arrows were fashioned from these reeds and men-at-arms practised the art. Gujrāt reeds were exported for arrows to Persia. The omission of the *alif* of *az* is not infrequent in the MS..

A few words on the *zih-gīr* find fit insertion here. It is a thumb-ring worn on the right hand as a protection against the fret of the bow-string both in drawing and release. Persians, like the Japanese and Mongols and Chinese, draw with the thumb. The *zih-gīr* is of eccentric

5. Gūhar-shād Begam.

6. Khadija Sultān Begam.

Upon another cushion sat our paternal aunts, the sisters of his Majesty, *Firdaus-makānī* :

7. Shahr-bānū Begam.

8. Yādgār Sultān Begam.

(N.B.—Other guests of the right follow).

9. 'Āyisha Sultān Begam, daughter of Sultān Husain Mīrzā.

10. Ulugh Begam, daughter of Zainab Sultān Begam, a paternal aunt of his Majesty.

11. 'Āyisha Sultān Begam.

12. Sultānī Begam, daughter of Sultān Aḥmad Mīrzā, paternal (great-) uncle of his Majesty¹ and mother of Kilān Khān Begam. (25a)

13. Pēga Sultān Begam, daughter of Sultān Khalīl Mīrzā, paternal (grand-)uncle of his Majesty.

14. Māhān Begam.²

15. Begī Begam, daughter of Ulugh Beg Mīrzā *Kābulī*, paternal (grand-)uncle of his Majesty.

16. Khānzāda Begam, daughter of Sultān Mas'ūd Mīrzā; on her mother's side, grand-daughter of Payanda Muḥammad Sultān Begam, paternal (grand-)aunt of his Majesty.

17. Shāh Khānam, daughter of Badī'u-l-jamāl Begam (No. 2.).

18. Khānam Begam, daughter of Āq Begam (No. 3.).

19. Zainab Sultān Khānam, daughter of Sultān Maḥmūd Khān, eldest maternal (grand-)uncle of his Majesty.

20. Muḥibb Sultān Khānam, daughter of Sultān Aḥmad Khān,—known as Ilācha Khān, the younger maternal uncle of the elder³ Emperor (Bābar).

¹ The words used of Sultānī do not grammatically apply to 'Āyisha, but I believe she is also a daughter of Sultān Aḥmad Mīrzā and is Bābar's first wife, who left him under the influence of an elder sister, perhaps Salīqa Sultān (Āq Begam). Salīqa married a son of Sultān Maḥmūd Mīrzā, and may have acted under the evil impulses of the family quarrels which did so much to embitter, if also to stimulate, Bābar's early ambitions.

² This is not 'my lady,' whose death has been already recorded.

³ *kilān*; perhaps, great.

Majesty replied: '*B'ismu-l-lāh.*' When Mīrzā Hindāl was married, my lady (Māham) was living, but there was delay in arranging the feast. (Khānzāda Begam) said: 'The things for the Mystic Feast are also ready. Let us first celebrate this, and afterwards Mīrzā Hindāl's.' His Majesty said: 'Let whatever my royal aunt wishes be done.' She replied: 'May God bless it and make it good.'

DESCRIPTION OF THE HOUSE OF FEASTING WHICH WAS SET UP ON THE RIVER'S BANK, AND WHICH WAS CALLED THE MYSTIC¹ HOUSE:

First there was a large octagonal room with an octagonal tank in the centre, and again, in the middle of the reservoir, an octagonal platform on which were spread Persian (*wilāyatī*) carpets. (24b) Young men and pretty girls and elegant women and musicians and sweet-voiced reciters were ordered to sit in the tank.²

The jewelled throne which my lady had given for the feast was placed in the fore-court of the house, and a gold-embroidered divan³ was laid in front of it, (on which) his Majesty and dearest lady sat together.

On her right sat her paternal aunts, the daughters of Sultān Abū-sa'id Mīrzā:

- 1.⁴ Fakhr-jahān Begam.
2. Badī'u-l-jamāl Begam.
3. Āq⁵ Begam.
4. Sultān Bakht Begam.

¹ *Tilism*; Greek, *τῆλεσμα*, talisman. Perhaps an epithet drifted from astrological phraseology. This feast commemorated the accession of Humāyūn. Cf. *Humāyūn-nāma*, trs. Sada-sūkh La'l (B.M. Add. 30,774, p. 76.): 'talismanic palace,' which may be the building named by Gul-badan. Cf. 'samite, mystic,' of Tennyson. Khwāndamīr speaks at length of this feast in his *Humāyūn-nāma*, and calls the building in which it was held '*imārat-i-tilism*.'

² The sequel to this order follows later.

³ *tūshak*, (?) *anglice*, squab.

⁴ Translator's numbering. For details as to each woman cf. Appendix s.n..

⁵ This epithet,—the Fair,—is given to several persons, not all women; and in some instances the true name is also known—e.g., Yasīn-daulat Sultān, Kāmārān's son-in-law, and Salīqa, daughter of Sultān Aḥmad Mīrzā.

accompanied my mother.¹ This will have been before he went to Guālīār and began to build.²

At the end of the mourning for my lady, his Majesty went to Dīhlī³ and began to build the fort of Dīn-panā.⁴ He then returned to Āgra.

Dearest lady⁵ (Khānzāda Begam) said to his Majesty : ' When will you make Mirzā Hindāl's marriage feast ? ' His

que Humāyūn, soit un fils [*i.e.*, Bārbūl], cadet par rapport à lui, l'aîné par rapport à mes autres enfants et trois filles, dont l'une était Mihr-jān, il n'y en avait pas un qui ne fût mort en bas âge. Je souhaitais vivement de lui voir naître un frère ou une sœur. [*i.e.*, a child of Māham. There were other children of other wives.]

' Précisément à cette époque Dil-dār *āghācha* se trouvait enceinte. Je ne cessais de répéter, " Plût à Dieu que l'enfant qui va naître, sortit du même sein que Humāyūn ! " A quoi ma mère [*sic.* Tūrki text, Ilminsky, 271, *ḥaẓrat wālida*] me répondait, " Si Dil-dār *āghācha* met au monde un fils, ne pourrais-je pas le prendre et m'en charger ? " " Rien de mieux, " faisais-je à mon tour.

' D'ordinaire les femmes ont la manière suivante de consulter le sort, quand elles veulent savoir si elles auront un fils ou une fille. Elles prennent deux morceaux de papier ; sur l'un elles écrivent, ' Alī ou Hasan, sur l'autre Fāṭima ; puis elles les placent dans deux boules de limon qu'elles mettent dans une coupe d'eau. Celles des deux qui s'ouvre la première, leur sert à prognostiquer l'avenir ; si elle renferme le nom d'un garçon, il y aura un garçon ; si c'est celui d'une fille, il y aura une fille, disent-elles. On employa cette méthode ; ce fut un enfant mâle qui en sortit. En recevant cette bonne nouvelle, j'écrivis aussitôt pour en faire part à ma mère [*sic.*] Quelques jours plus tard, effectivement Dieu me donna un garçon. Trois jours après sa naissance et avant de l'annoncer, on enleva l'enfant, bon gré, mal gré, à sa mère et on l'apporta chez moi où on le garda. Lorsque j'en donnai avis à ma mère [*sic.*], celle-ci apprenant qu'elle avait obtenu l'objet de ses vœux, donna au jeune prince le nom de Hindāl, qui était pour nous de bon augure. Par cet arrangement cet enfant fut pour moi [? nous] à la fois un frère cadet (for Humāyūn) et un fils (for Māham and himself).

The words *ḥaẓrat wālida* cannot mean the mother of Bābar. She had been dead some fourteen years. They may be equivalent to *Sultān-wālida*—*i.e.*, the mother of the heir-apparent. Certainly it was Māham who adopted Hindāl. This initial misconception as to the identity of *Ḥaẓrat wālida* runs through the whole translation of this most interesting passage. According to Gul-badan, Fārūq (born in 932H.) was Māham's son. Bābar names the birth. (Mems., 343.)

¹ *i.e.*, returned to her own mother's charge *i.e.*, Dil-dār's.

² An obscure passage. Humāyūn was building about this time. (Elliot, V. 126.)

³ Beginning of Zū'l-hijja, 939H. (June—July, 1533).

⁴ *Humāyūn-nāma*, Khwānd-amīr. (Elliot, V. 125.)

⁵ Cf. 15b n..

They let two months slip by in one another's company in Guālīār, and then set out for Āgra, which they reached in February, 1534 (Sha'bān, 940 H.).¹

In April (Shawwāl) my lady was attacked by a disorder of the bowels. On the 27th of the same month (13th Shawwāl) she passed from this transitory life to the eternal home.

The stamp of orphanhood was set anew on my royal father's children, and especially on me, for whom she herself had cared. I felt lonely and helpless and in great affliction. Day and night I wept and mourned and grieved. His Majesty came several times to comfort me, and showed me sympathy and kindness. I was two years old when her Highness my lady took me into her own house and cared for me, and I was ten when she departed from this life. (24a) I remained one year more in her house.² When I was eleven, and his Majesty went to Dholpūr, I

¹ This date cannot be right. The following are approximately correct for this time: Visit to Guālīār undertaken, Sha'bān, 939H. (February, 1533). Return to Āgra and Māham's illness, Shawwāl (April). Death of Māham, 13th Shawwāl (May 8, 1533). Forty days of mourning carries on the time to late in Zū'l-qa'da (June). Start for Dihlī, beginning of Zū'l-hijja,—after June 24. The building of Dīnpānā was begun Muharram, 940H. (July, 1533).

² Māham had also adopted Hindāl. Bābar details the circumstances, but the abbreviation, as it seems, of the Persian text, has led to an error. (Meins., 250.) Those children of Bābar who died young, were not born in 'this year' (925H.), as will be seen in the fuller rendering of Ilminsky, 281, and of P. de C., II. 44: 'Après Humāyūn (b. 913H.) j'eus encore plusieurs enfants, nés de la même mère que lui, mais qui ne vécurent pas.'

We know from Gul-badan that these were Bārbūl, Mihr-jahān, and Ishān-daulat.

'Hindāl n'était pas encore venu dans le monde. Comme j'étais dans ces parages [Kehrāj, in Mandesh, and on his way to Indā], il m'arriva une lettre de Māham, dans laquelle elle me disait, "Serait-ce un fils ou une fille? Prononcez vous-même sur la part que me réserve la fortune; à moi de mettre l'enfant dans le monde [Etskine, 'I will regard the child as mine'] et de l'élever." Le vendredi, 26 du mois, toujours à ce même campement, j'adjugeai Hindāl à Māham [before birth], et je lui écrivis à ce sujet une lettre qui lui fut portée à Kābul par Yūsuf 'Alī rikāb-dār [courier] quoique Hindāl ne fût pas encore né.'

A passage now follows which, as is noted by P. de C., is neither in the Persian version of the Memoirs nor in the English translation:

'Pour bien comprendre tout ce qui a été dit plus haut, il faut savoir que jusqu'à cette époque, de tout les enfants nés de la même mère

with his sons, Ulugh Mirzā and Shāh Mirzā, made their escape a few days later.

There was perpetual disturbance from these people during the years we were in Hind.

When his Majesty returned from the campaign against Biban and Bāyazād, he was in Āgra¹ for about a year. He said to my lady: 'I am sad at heart in these days. If you approved, I would go with you to Guāhār.'² Her Highness my lady, and my mother (*ājam*),³ and my sisters Ma'sūma⁴ Sultān Begam, whom we used to call Elder sister⁵ Moon, and Gul-rang Begam, whom we used to call Elder sister Rose,—we all were in Guāliār in attendance on the beneficent ladies.⁶

As Gul-chihra Begam was in Oude, and her husband, Tūkhtā-būghā Sultān, went to the mercy of God, her attendants wrote to his Majesty from Oude and said: 'Tūkhtā-būghā Sultān is dead. (23*b*) What is the order about the begam?' His Majesty said to Mir Zāycha:⁷ 'Go and bring the begam to Āgra. We also are going there.'

At this time her Highness my lady said: 'If you approve, I will send for Bega Begam and 'Aqīqa, so that they also may see Guāliār.' She despatched Naukārs⁸ and Khwāja Kabīr, who brought them from Āgra.

¹ 'Occupied in dreamy speculations of false sciences'—*i.e.*, astrology. (B. & H., II. 14.) The date is 1534 (941H.).

² The histories tell us that the Guāliār expedition was a military demonstration against Bahādur Shāh of Gujrāt. Khwānd-amīr fixes its date as Sha'bān 939H. (February, 1533).

³ Taken as it is written, this name might be charmingly translated as 'Ma desirée,' but considered with other words in this text after which the enclitic *am* (my) is incorrectly written, it seems that prosaic 'my mother,' Tūrkī, *achām*, is safer. In favour, however, of reading *ājam*, desire, is the wording on 25*b* (No. 48 of the guest-list), *ājam wālidā-i-mā*, our mother. *Ājam* occurs also at 29*b*.

⁴ Her husband, Muḥammad-zamān, is the rebel of this name just spoken of.

⁵ *Chūcha*; which I have rendered 'elder sister' to suit the actual relationship between Gul-badan and her two sisters. Cf. 18*b* n..

⁶ The aunts, presumably.

⁷ The Chief Astrologer.

⁸ Bābar names this man as being sent from India in charge of gifts to Kābul (Mems., 337.), and Gul-badan names him again (67*b*) as guardian of the begams' doorway in the citadel of Kābul.

twelve strings of camels, and twelve of mules, and seventy *tipūchāq* horses, and one hundred baggage horses. She gave special robes of honour to 7,000 persons. The festivities lasted several days.¹

At this time came news that Muḥammad-zamān Mīrzā² had killed the father of Hājī Muḥammad Khān *kūkī*,³ and was meditating rebellion. (23a) His Majesty sent to summon them⁴ to the presence, and having laid hands on them, imprisoned them in Bayāna, in charge of Uncle Yādgār. Uncle Yādgār's men sided with Muḥammad-zamān Mīrzā, and let him escape (1533—940H.). At this time it was ordered that Sultān Muḥammad Mīrzā⁵ and Nai⁶ (Walī) Khūb Sultān Mīrzā should both be blinded. Nai Khūb Sultān lost his sight, but the man who had the blinding of Muḥammad Sultān did not injure his eyes.⁷ Muḥammad-zamān Mīrzā and Muḥammad Sultān Mīrzā,

¹ The feast here credited to Māham Begam may be that of the first anniversary of Humāyūn's accession. Of this Gul-badān gives an account, minus such details as are set down here, at 24a *et seq.*

At the 'accession feast,' held December 19th, 1531, and thus not quite a year after the accession, it is said by Nizāmu-d-dīn Ahmad that 12,000 robes were bestowed, 2,000 of these being 'special.' For details as to *khiṭat*, cf. Memoirs, 274 n..

Lists are dull reading, unless each item calls up an image. It is easy to add splendour and beauty to Gul-badān's few poor words by looking at actual things of the kinds she names, as may be done in the Oriental Section of the South Kensington Museum. The links between Persia and India in her day and earlier and later were many and close. Many Persians born and bred in Persia or by descent formed part of the Mughal court. Persian art and manufacture were at their highest development, experts say, in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. The uncritical eye doubts if the products of those centuries, as exhibited in the examples England possesses, can be excelled for splendour and satisfying charm. With such things the personages of our begam's book surrounded themselves.

² Son of Badī'u-z-zamān Mīrzā, and grandson of Sultān Husain Mīrzā *Bāyqarā*, and husband of Ma'sūma, a daughter of Bābur. He was drowned in the Ganges at the rout of Chausā.

³ Cf. B. & H., II., s.n..

⁴ *Sic*; apparently the names of his fellow-rebels are omitted. They occur below.

⁵ Grandson, through a daughter, of Sultān Husain Mīrzā *Bāyqarā*, and thus, a cousin of Muḥammad-zamān.

⁶ Called both Nai and Walī in the histories.

⁷ See Mr. Erskine's interesting note on blinding. (B. & H., II. 14 n.).

kept saying: 'Perhaps one of them will have a son.' She kept watch till Bega Begam's 'Aqīqa was born. Then she kept an eye on Maywa-jān. Ten months went by. The eleventh also passed. Maywa-jān said: 'My maternal aunt was in Mirzā Ulugh Beg's¹ *haram*. She had a son in the twelfth month; perhaps I am like her.' So they sewed tents and filled pillows.² But in the end everyone knew she was a fraud.

His Majesty who had gone towards Chanāda (Chunār), returned safe and sound.

My lady who was Māham Begam, gave a great feast. (22b) They lit up the *bāzārs*.³ Before that time people used to illuminate the *bāzārs* (only). Then she gave orders to the better class and to the soldiers also to decorate their places and make their quarters beautiful, and after this illumination became general in India.

... a jewelled throne,⁴ ascended by four steps, and above it gold-embroidered hangings, and laid on it a cushion and pillows embroidered in gold.

The covering of the pavilions and of the large audience tent was, inside, European brocade, and outside, Portuguese cloth. The tent-poles were gilded; that was very ornamental.

(My lady) had prepared a tent-lining and a *kannat*⁵ and *sar-i-kannat* of Gujrātī cloth-of-gold, and a ewer for rose-water, and candlesticks, and drinking-vessels, and rose-water sprinklers,—all of jewelled gold.

With all her stores of plenishing, she made an excellent and splendid feast.

¹ This will be Bābar's paternal uncle, known as *Kābulī*.

² *i.e.*, made all preparations. Perhaps *khirgāhā dokhta* is not 'sewed tents,' but 'pitched tents.' Cf. *zamīn-doz*.

³ I am very doubtful as to the meaning of the following paragraph. It can hardly be true that India waited for Māham to instruct it in the art of illumination or decoration. I have conjecturally read that, whereas formerly only *bāzārs* were made to look festive, she had other houses adorned.

⁴ Here follows a list of arrangements, plenishing and gifts for the feast. There are here and at p. 123 ff. many difficult words in it.

⁵ Ar., a pent over a doorway, a veil, an umbrella. Perhaps *qanāt*, a screen, an enclosure for tent, the tent walls.



THE EMPEROR HUMĀYŪN (*JAMAT-ĀSHYĀNĪ*).

(INJURED IN TRANSMISSION.)

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makānī, Biban¹ and Bāyazīd advanced from the direction of Gaur. On the news of this, his Majesty at once left Āgra and moved to meet them. He defeated them, and then went to Chanāda (Chunār),² took it, and thence returned to Āgra.

My lady, who was Māham Begam, had a great longing and desire to see a son of Humāyūn. Wherever there was a good-looking and nice girl, she used to bring her into his service. Maywa-jān, a daughter of Khadang (? Khazang), the chamberlain (*yasāwal*),³ was in my employ. One day (after) the death of his Majesty *Firdaus-makānī*,⁴ my lady said: 'Humāyūn, Maywa-jān is not bad. Why do you not take her into your service?' So, at her word, Humāyūn married and took her that very night. (22a)

Three days later Bega Begam⁵ came from Kābul. She became in the family way. In due time⁶ she had a daughter, whom they named 'Aqīqa. Maywa-jān said to Lady (*Aka*) Māham Begam, 'I am in the family way, too.' Then my lady got ready two sets of weapons, and said: 'Whichever of you bears a son, I will give him good arms.' Then she packed up the arms, and got ready gold and silver walnuts. She procured also the (special) arms of a Mughal commander, and was very happy, and

¹ Text, Bibban. Biban and Bāyazīd were two distinguished Afghān chiefs and supporters of the fallen Lodī dynasty. The defeat named here occurred at Daura, on the Guntī, 1531 (937H.).

All who love the story of an adventurous life, chequered through character of individuals in a marked degree, should fill out Gul-badan's brief narrative from Mr. Erskine's life of Humāyūn.

² 1532 (938H.). Taken from Shīr Shāh late in 1532 (939H.).

³ An attendant on a man of rank, who carries a gold or silver staff (Johnson, *Pers. Dict.*, s.v.); chamberlain in the service of Khāns of Tūrkištān (Zenker, s.v.) Gul-badan's use of the word (81b) would allow a more extended sense.

⁴ Text has also *dar hayāt khud*. This is not the only instance of a similar redundant expression.

⁵ Bega had had one son, Al-amān. She is known in the later histories as Hājī Begam, but she made her pilgrimage in 972H.. She was captured at Chausa in 1539 (946H.) by Shīr Shāh; and most writers give her at this date the brevet title of Hājī. It is probable that Bega was not her personal name. It is the title of a lady of rank, and answers to *beg*.

⁶ Text, *b'ad az yak sal*, which, read literally, spoils the story.

tomb, for the support of the men of learning (*‘ulamā*) and the reciters who were attached to it.

My lady made an allowance of food twice daily : in the morning an ox and two sheep and five goats, and at afternoon prayer-time five goats. She gave this from her own estate during the two and a half years that she remained in the prison of this world.

During my lady's life I used to see his Majesty in her residence. When she fell into bad health, she said to me : 'It will be very hard that when I am gone, the Emperor Bābar's daughters should see their brother in Bibī Gul-barg's¹ house.' Just as though her words were in the royal heart and mind, his Majesty used always, so long as he was in Hindūstān, to come to our house. He used to visit us and showed us kindness and affection and favour without stint. He used to come to the house of this insignificant one, and there would come Ma'sūma Sultān Begam, and Gul-rang Begam, and Gul-chihra Begam,² etc.—all the married ladies—and pay their duty to him. (21b)

In short, after the death of my royal father and my lady, his Majesty, in the fulness of his affection, showed this broken one such favour, and spoke with such boundless compassion to this helpless one, that she did not know she was orphaned and headless.³

During the ten⁴ years after the death of his Majesty *Firdaus-makānī* that his Majesty *Jannat-āshyānī* was in Hind, the people dwelt in repose and safety, and obedience and loyalty.⁵

Six months after the death of his Majesty *Firdaus-*

¹ Cf. *post.* 29b, and 'Biographical Appendix,' *s.n.*.

² These three were her half and full sisters respectively.

³ Gul-badan was about eight at her father's death. At three she had been adopted by Māham Begam.

⁴ Really about nine.

⁵ This rose-coloured picture accords neither with the facts nor with the narrative of Gul-badan. It may be that some limiting word has slipped out ; e.g., 'in Āgra,' or 'the people of the country,' in opposition to the dispossessed Afghāns, conquerors of earlier date, or Bābar's people, *i.e.*, household.

his welfare. On Friday, December 29th, 1530 (Jumāda I. 9th, 937H.), the Emperor Humāyūn mounted the throne, and everyone said: 'May all the world be blessed under his rule.' (20b)

After that he came to visit his mothers and sisters and his own people, and he made inquiry after their health and offered sympathy, and spoke with kindness and commiseration. He was pleased to order: 'Let each keep the office, and service, and lands, and residence which he has had, and let him serve in the old way.'

On the same day Hindāl Mirzā, having come from Kābul, paid his homage to the Emperor, who received him with kindness, and was very happy, and bestowed on him many things from the treasures left by their father.

After my royal father's death, there were the good works and consecrated days of the first assembly¹ at his tomb.² His Majesty named Muḥammad 'Alī 'asas³ its guardian, and ordered the appointment of sixty good reciters of the whole Qurān and readers with good voices, so that the congregational prayers might be said five times daily and the whole Qurān recited, and prayer offered for the soul of the royal dweller in Paradise (*Firdaus-makānī*). (21a) The whole of Sikrī—now known as Fathpūr—together with five *laks* charged on Bayāna, was given as an endowment to the

¹ *ma'rka*. Raverty (Afghan Dict.) gives as the first meaning of this word 'a party of ambassadors, or persons sent to make peace between two tribes'; and, secondly, as 'the business of making peace, or an arrangement between two tribes.' Lane and other writers render it 'battle-field' and 'battle,' etc. Steingass adds 'hubbub, turmoil' (modern colloquial). Gul-badan uses it for the common social assemblies she names, and here for the gathering of relations at a tomb.

² Bābar's body was laid first in the Rām or Arām Bāgh (Garden of Rest), on the opposite side of the river from the present *Tāj-mahall*. Later it was taken to Kābul. Mr. Erskine (B. & M., I. 517 *et seq.*) quotes a charming passage from Burns' 'Travels in Bokhārā' (II. 121 *et seq.*), which describes Bābar's self-chosen resting-place. He follows this by an eloquent estimate of Bābar's character which makes clear his regret in bidding farewell to the great and vivid personality he has so admirably set before his readers.

³ *i.e.*, of the night-guard. I believe he was the brother of Māham Begam.

to him. Be of one heart and one mind with him. I hope to God that Humāyūn also will bear himself well towards men.

‘Moreover, Humāyūn, I commit to God’s keeping you and your brothers and all my kinsfolk and your people and my people; and all of these I confide to you.’

At these words hearers and onlookers wept and lamented. His own blessed eyes also filled with tears.

When his family and the people within the *ḥaram* heard of these occurrences, they were stupefied and overwhelmed, and cried and lamented.

Three days later he passed from this transitory world to the eternal home. The death took place on Monday, December 26th, 1530 (Jumāda I. 5th, 937H.). (20a)

They brought out our paternal aunt¹ and our mothers² on the pretence that the doctors were coming to look. All rose. They took all the begams and my mothers to the Great House.”

Black fell the day for children and kinsfolk and all. They bewailed and lamented; voices were uplifted in weeping; there was utter dejection. Each passed that ill-fated day in a hidden corner.

The death was kept concealed. After a time Araish Khān,—he was an amīr of Hind,—said: ‘It is not well to keep the death secret, because when such misfortunes befall kings in Hindūstān, it is the custom of the *bāzār* people to rob and steal; God forbid that the Mughals not knowing, they should come and loot the houses and dwelling-places. It would be best to dress someone in red, and to set him on an elephant, and to let him proclaim that the Emperor Bābar has become a dervish and has given his throne to the Emperor Humāyūn.’ This his Majesty Humāyūn ordered to be done. People were at once reassured by the proclamation, and all offered prayers for

¹ Khānzāda Begam.

² Bābar’s wives.

³ Perhaps ‘palace,’ and the sense may be that they did not go to their separate residences but remained nearer to the dead.

luck, for our remedies are of no avail. We hope that God, the most Holy, will soon give one from His invisible treasures.'

When they felt his Majesty's pulse, they came to the opinion that there were symptoms of the same poison as that given him by Sultān Ibrāhīm's mother. It was in this way: that ill-fated demon (the mother) gave a *tōla* of poison to one of her maids, and said: 'Take this and give it to Aḥmad the taster and tell him to put it in some way or other into the special dishes prepared for the Emperor.' And she promised him large rewards. The ill-fated demon did this although his Majesty used to call her "mother," and had assigned her place and lands with every favour, and had been kindly pleased to say: 'Consider me as in the place of Sultān Ibrāhīm.'¹ But as ignorance prevails amongst those people, she did not regard his kindnesses. The (fitting) hemistich is well known:

'Everything reverts to its original type,
(Whether pure gold, or silver, or tin).'²

To cut short the story: the cook (Heaven having made him blind and deaf,) spread the poison which had been brought and given to him, on the Emperor's bread only, and so little was eaten. But the symptoms of this illness were like that one's, seeing that day by day he lost strength and became more and more emaciated. (19b) Every day the disorder increased and his blessed countenance changed.

Next day³ he called his chiefs together and spoke after this wise: 'For years it has been in my heart to make over my throne to Humāyūn Mīrzā and to retire to the Gold-scattering Garden. By the Divine grace I have obtained all things but the fulfilment of this wish in health of body. Now, when illness has laid me low, I charge you all to acknowledge Humāyūn in my stead. Fail not in loyalty

¹ Her son, who died fighting Bābar at Pānīpat.

² Pers. and Hind. Proverbs, T. Roebuck, Calcutta, 1824, p. 124, and Mems., 13.

³ (?) after Humāyūn's arrival.

Dearest lady, the smiling one,¹ came, and they said to her: 'The Emperor spoke in this manner, and it has occurred to him in such a way. It now remains to know your pleasure. Let it be as you wish.' She said the same and, 'God grant blessing and peace! His idea is very good.' My *chīcha*² herself and Badi' u-l-jamāl Begam and Aq Begam, both of whom were paternal aunts of his Majesty, were conducted into the hall. Having raised an estrade³ and spread carpets and chosen a propitious hour, Māham's *nanacha* made both *sullāns* bow the knee⁴ in order to exalt them to the rank of sons-in-law.

Meantime his Majesty's disorder of the bowels increased. The Emperor Humāyūn broke down again when he saw his father's condition worsen, and called the doctors, and said to them: 'Think it well over and find some remedy.' (19a) Having consulted together, they said: 'Small is our

¹ *tabassum kunān*.

² This Tūrki word presents great difficulty.

Vambéry has *jīcha*, Kirghiz, mother, and *chīcha*, aunt (inferentially maternal); Shaw, *chīchā*, Qāzzāq, mother. P. de Courteille, Dict., *chīcha*, an elder sister. The word has in Samarqand the meaning 'maternal aunt.'

It occurs again in the text (23a), and is used for Gul-badan's sisters, the brides of this page (19a); so that it may be right (spite of the singular number) to read 'my elder sisters themselves'—i.e., the brides. But it might be 'my mother.'

The word occurs at least once in the Memoirs. (Hm., 446; Ers., 387.) It is preceded by one which Hminsky writes *yanka*, and Erskine *Bikeh* (*Bega*). The letters of both words might be identical and the points only decisive. Shaw says *yangā* is an elder brother's wife; Vambéry, *belle-sœur*, *Schwagerin*; and Erskine (208 n.), bridesmaid, by which, I believe, is meant one who leads the bride to the bridegroom—an exactly appropriate use here, since Hābiba *yangā* brings her daughter Ma'sūma to marry Bābar. (N.B.—Shaw writes *yangā* and *chīchā*, where Vambéry and others have a final 'round *hā*.)

But if the *chīcha* of Mems., 387, is to be read 'elder sister,' Bābar can apply it only to Khānzāda Begam (elsewhere called by him *aulugh igāchī* (Hm., 116.)); and this would, I believe, make the reading of *Bikeh* (*Bega*) difficult, since Khānzāda could not be called anything less than *Khānam*. The same objection would apply to the reading of *chīcha* as mother or as maternal aunt. This inclines one to read *yanka*, and not *bikeh*, at Mems., 387; and the Zainab of the sentence may be granddaughter (*naḥīra*), through the female line, of the *belle-sœur*, or bridesmaid, of Khānzāda Begam. But nothing is clear as to the relationship.

³ Text, *suffā dāda*. Perhaps, content was given to all, but *suffa*, estrade, fits better with the following *basāṭ*.

⁴ *Zānū zanā'inda*, literally, 'striking the knee.' Mems., 204 n.

The whole time my royal father kept repeating: 'Where is Hindāl? What is he doing?' Just at this time some-one came in and said: 'Mīr Bardī Beg, the son of Mīr Khurd Beg,¹ conveys his obeisance.' My royal father, full of agitation, sent for him at once and asked: 'Where is Hindāl? When will he come? What trouble waiting gives!' (18a) Mīr Bardī said: 'The fortunate prince has reached Dihlī; he will wait on you to-day or to-morrow.' On this my royal father said to Mīr Bardī Beg: 'Ill-fated little fellow! I have heard that they married your sister in Kābul, and you in Lāhōr.² It is because of the wedding festivities that you have (not)³ sooner brought my son, and so my weary waiting has been very long.' He asked: 'How tall has Hindāl Mīrzā grown?' and 'What is he like?' As Mīr Bardī was wearing one of the mīrzā's dresses, he showed it and said: 'This is a robe of the prince which he bestowed on his servant.' His Majesty called him nearer and said: 'Let me see how tall and how big Hindāl has grown.'⁴ He kept repeating, 'Alas! a thousand times alas! that I do not see Hindāl,' and asking everyone who came in: 'When will Hindāl come?'

During his illness, he laid a command on my lady, and said: 'Marriages ought to be arranged for Gul-rang Begam and Gul-chihra Begam. (18b) When the royal aunt, my elder sister,⁵ honours me with a visit, tell her that I say it has occurred to me to give Gul-rang to Isān-tīmūr Sultān and Gul-chihra to Tūkhta-būghā Sultān.'⁶

¹ Hindāl's guardian from birth (1519-1530). He had previously been Bābar's *bakāwal* (house-steward). One of his sons, Khwāja Ṭāhir Muḥammad, served under Humāyūn and Akbar, and was *mīr farīghat* (master of comfort). He may be the Mīr Bardī (qy. a child's sobriquet, Master Full-of-fun) of this episode. Ṭāhir's son, Bāqī, was a sewer, i.e., table-decker (*sufra-chī*).

² Hindāl, with whom doubtless Mīr Bardī and his father were travelling, was on his way from Badakhshān to the court.

³ The text has no negative.

⁴ Hindāl was now about eleven years old, so Mīr Bardī must also have been a boy.

⁵ Khānzāda Begam—*aka-jānam*—dearest lady.

⁶ Isān (Ishān, or Yussun) was the ninth, and Tūkhta-būghā the tenth, son of Aḥmad Khān, Bābar's maternal uncle. They were uncles of Gul-badan's own husband, Khizr Khwāja.

cherished child may have his heart's desire and live long, and I desire the kingdom for him and not for the others, because he has not his equal in distinction.'

'During Humāyūn's illness¹ his Majesty walked round him and turned his face (in intercession) to his Reverence, Murtaẓa 'Alī Karīmu-l-lāh. He kept up that going-round from the Wednesday and made intercession from the Tuesday, in anxiety and deep dejection. The weather was extremely hot and his heart and liver burned. While going round he prayed, saying in effect: 'O God! if a life may be exchanged for a life, I who am Bābar, I give my life and my being for Humāyūn.'²

That very day he fell ill, and Humāyūn poured water on his head, and came out and gave audience. (17b) Because of his illness, they carried my royal father within, and he kept his bed for two or three months.

As he grew worse, a messenger was sent to summon his Majesty Humāyūn, who had gone towards Kalinjar. He came post-haste, and on paying his duty to the Emperor, noticed that he was very feeble. Filled with compassion, he began to break down, and kept saying to the attendants: 'How has he come to such a lamentable pass all at once?' He sent for the doctors, and said to them: 'I left him well. What has happened all at once?' They said this and that in reply.

¹ The account of Bābar's self-surrender which follows is somewhat puzzling to translate, but the sense is clear and the important statements are in accordance with other sources.

² One of Kehr's (Ilminsky's) 'fragments' (which, if it be not Bābar's own, it is not improbable was added to the *Tūẓūk* by Jahāngīr) tells this story in Bābar's person. After rejection of the suggestion to sacrifice for Humāyūn's life the great diamond (? the *Koh-i-nūr*), the narrative continues (P. de C., II. 460.): 'J'entrai dans la chambre où il se tenait, et je tournai trois fois autour de lui, en commençant par la tête et en disant, "J'assume sur moi tout ce que tu souffres." En même instant je me sentis tout alourdi, tandis que lui se trouvait léger et dispos. Il se leva en pleine santé, et moi je m'affaissai, accablé de malaise.'

Faith in the rite of circumambulation still prevails in Persia. Bābar, it is clear, believed his devotion to have borne fruit. (Cf. Hughes, Dict. of Islām, s.v. Intercession. For Karīmu-l-lāh, see Badāyūnī, *Bib. Ind. Text*, III. 191.).



BĀBAR IN PRAYER, DEVOTING HIMSELF FOR HIS SON.

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rarity of the world and unique of the age. As her lamentation passed due bounds, his Majesty said to my lady and the begams: 'Come, let us make an excursion to Dholpūr.' He himself went comfortably and pleasantly by water, and the begams also begged to go by boat.

Just then there came a letter from Maulānā Muḥammad Farghārī (Parghālī) in Dihlī, saying: 'Humāyūn Mīrzā is ill and in an extraordinary state. Her Highness the begam should come at once to Dihlī, for the mīrzā is much prostrated.'¹ (16*b*)

My lady was very much upset on hearing this news, and started for Dihlī, like one athirst who is far from the waters. They met in Mathura. To her experienced eye he seemed ten times weaker and more alarmingly ill than she had heard he was. From Mathura the two, mother and son, like Jesus and Mary, set out for Āgra. When they arrived, this insignificant one went with her own sisters to visit that royal angel of goodness.

He was then growing weaker and weaker. Every time he came to his senses, his pearl-dropping tongue asked for us, and said: 'Sisters, you are welcome! Come, and let us embrace one another. I have not embraced you.' It might be three times that he raised his head and that his jewel-dropping tongue let fall these uplifting words.

When his Majesty came and saw how it was, his light-revealing countenance at once became sad and pitiful, and he began more and more to show signs of dread. (17*a*) On this my lady said: 'Do not be troubled about my son. You are a king; what griefs have you? You have other sons. I sorrow because I have only this one.'² His Majesty rejoined: 'Māham! although I have other sons, I love none as I love your Humāyūn. I crave that this

¹ Cf. *Bābar-nāma*, Ilminsky, 502 *et seq.*, and P. de Courteille, II. 457 *et seq.*, where is one of the supplementary fragments included in Kehr's *Bābar-nāma* (*Tūzūk*) and possibly taken from the Bukhārā MS. (Cf. Notes on the Tūrki texts of the *Bābar-nāma*, A. S. Beveridge. Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, July, 1900.)

² All Māham's other children died in childhood.

royal father put up in it a *tūr-khāna*,¹ where he used to sit and write his book.²

I and Afghānī *aghācha* were sitting in the front of the lower storey when my lady went to prayers. I said to Afghānī *aghācha*: 'Pull my hand.' She pulled, and my hand came out. My strength went and I cried. (15b) Then they brought the bone-setter and when he had bound up my hand, the Emperor went to Āgra.

After his arrival, word was brought that the begams were on the way from Kābul. My royal father went as far as Naugrām to give honourable reception to my dearest lady (*aka-jānam*),³ who was my oldest paternal aunt and my royal father's eldest sister. All the begams who had come with her, paid their duty to the Emperor in her quarters. They were very happy and made the prostration of thanks, and then set off for Āgra. The Emperor gave houses to all the begams.

A few days later he made an excursion to the Gold-scattering Garden (*Bāgh-i-zar-afshān*). There was a place in it for ablution before prayers. When he saw it, he said: 'My heart is bowed down by ruling and reigning; I will retire to this garden. As for attendance, 'Tāhir the ewer-bearer will amply suffice. I will make over the kingdom to Humāyūn.' On this my lady (*akām*) and all his children broke down, and said with tears: 'God keep you in His own peace upon the throne many, many years, and may all your children after you reach a good old age!' (16a)

A few days later Alwar Mīrzā fell ill. His illness led to an affection of the bowels, which grew worse and worse in spite of all that the doctors could do, and at last he passed from this transitory world to the eternal home. His Majesty was very sad and sorry, and Alwar's mother, Dil-dār Legam, was wild with grief for the child, who was a

¹ "Perhaps a space enclosed by a low railing." (Mems., 202 n.) Possibly and suitably, a mosquito-room (*ṭaur*, net). Cf. Khwānd-amīr, B.M. Or. 1,762, and Add. 30,774, ff. 25-114.

² The *Tūzūk-i-bābarī*.

³ Khānzāda Begam.

too. (14b) I, not knowing, wished to get up, but Khalifa raised objections, and said: 'She is your old serving-woman. There is no need to rise for her. Your father has exalted this old servant (? himself) by giving such an order¹ about him. So be it! what power have slaves?'

From Khalifa I accepted 6,000 *shāhrukhīs* and five horses, and Sultānam gave me 3,000 and three horses. Then she said: 'A hasty meal (*mā ḥazarī*) is ready. If you will eat you will honour your servants.' I consented. There was a raised platform in a pleasant spot, and a pavilion of red cloth with lining of Gujrātī brocade, and six canopies of cloth and brocade, each of a (differing) colour, and a square enclosure² of cloth with painted poles.

I sat in Khalifa's quarters. The meal drew out to almost fifty roast sheep,³ and bread and sherbet and much fruit. Having at length eaten my breakfast, I got into my litter and went and paid *n.-* duty to my royal father. (15a)

I fell at his feet; he asked me many questions, and took me for a time in his arms, and then this insignificant person felt such happiness that greater could not be imagined.

When we had been in Āgra three months, the Emperor went to Dholpūr. Her Highness Māham Begam and this lowly person also went. A tank had been made there, ten (*gaz*) by ten, out of one piece (of rock). From Dholpūr his Majesty went on to Sikrī. He ordered a great platform made in the middle of the tank, and when it was ready, he used to go and sit on it, or to row about. This platform still exists.

They also made a *chānkandī* in the Sikrī garden, and my

¹ (?) as that she should rise to greet him.

² Text, *chahār chūqa-i-sarāparda*. Cf. *Notices et Extraits*, Quatre-mère, XIV. 498.

³ The 'fifty' sheep will not reduce by any reading I can suggest. Cf. *anglice* 'heaps of,' 'hundreds of,' etc. Perhaps the flock is a product of childish weariness recalled half a century later. Possibly one should read *panj āhār*, five foods, *i.e.*, courses, dishes. Gul-badār is now between five and six. Her doubt as to the reception due to Sultānam rings true, and Khalifa's words suggest a little play-acting to please the small traveller; he treated her like a grown-up, and she tried to act like.

saddled but set out on foot. He met her near the house of Māham's *nanacha*.¹ She wished to alight, but he would not wait, and fell into her train and walked to his own house.²

At the time of her meeting his Majesty, she desired me to come on by daylight and pay my respects to him.

... nine troopers, with two sets of nine horses and the two extra litters which the Emperor had sent, and one litter which had been brought from Kābul, and about a hundred of my lady's Mughal servants, mounted on fine (*tipūchāq*) horses,⁴ all elegance and beauty.⁵

My royal father's Khalifa⁶ with his wife Sultānam⁷ came as far as Naugrā⁸ to meet (us). My *māmās*⁹ had made me alight at the Little Garden, and having spread a small carpet, seated me on it. They instructed me to rise when Khalifa came in, and to embrace him. When he came, I rose and embraced him. Then his wife Sultānam came in

¹ *dar pesh khāna nanacha Māham*. This might read 'in the advance camp.' Māham's *nanacha* appears thrice in the MS.: here and at 18b and 26a. She is clearly of the innermost circle. The word may be rendered 'dear little mother,' and is one of close affection.

² Cf. Mems., 423.

³ *tūqūz*. The 'Türks' made kings' gifts by nines and attached superstitious reverence to the number.

⁴ A *tipūchāq* horse, according to Shaw, is long-necked like a Türkman horse, and it seems also to be one with speed, beauty, and specially-trained paces. Vambéry says, 'ein fettes, gutes Pferd.'

⁵ The above passage is inserted without break in the text and suggests transcription from an imperfect MS. It may be an enumeration of the items of the cortège which followed Māham with Gul-badan.

⁶ Sayyid or Khwāja Nizāmu-d-dīn 'Alī *Barlās* and Bābar's *vazīr*. His brother, Junaid *Barlās*, married Shahr-bānū, a half-sister of Bābar.

⁷ Clearly an intimate. There were close relations, as has been said, between this *Barlās* family and Bābar. Cf. Biographical Appendix, s.n. Sultānam.

⁸ Some four miles from Āgra and on the east of the Jamna. The royal palace was not yet built on the western bank. Cf. Rājputāna Gazetteer, III. 274.

⁹ Steingass translates 'mother,' 'matron,' and 'old women.' One *māmā* is named later, 'Fakhru-n-nisā', my *māmā*.' (26a) She was the mother of Nadīm Khwāja *kūka*. She is several times mentioned, and it appears from a MS. belonging to Colonel Hanna which Mr. Beveridge has examined, that she was mother-in-law of the celebrated Māham *anaga* who was Nadīm's wife.

other, may be hampered in his comings and goings, but all may move unmolested and free from interference.'

In the night¹ before the battle word was brought that Qāsim Husain Sultān,—a grandson of Sultān Husain Mirzā through a daughter, 'Āyisha Sultān Begam,—had come to within ten *kōs* (of the royal camp) on his way from Khurāsān. (13*b*)

This news delighted his Majesty greatly. He asked, 'How many men are with him?' When he heard 'thirty or forty,' he at once sent off 1,000 troopers, all armed and equipped, at midnight, so that they might march in again with Qāsim Husain Sultān, and in this way the enemy and outsiders be let know that reinforcements had come in good time. Everyone who heard the plan thought it a good one.

Next morning, which was March 16th, 1527 (Jumāda II. [13th], 933H.), his Majesty arrayed battle against Rānā Sangā on the skirts of the hill of Sikrī, where now Fathpūr has been built² and peopled. By the Divine grace he was victorious and became an avenger of the cause of God.³

A year later my lady (*akām*), who was Māham Begam, came from Kābul to Hindūstān. I, this insignificant one, came with her in advance of my sisters, and paid my duty to my royal father. When my lady reached Kūl(-jalālī—*i.e.*, 'Alighar), his Majesty had sent two litters with three horsemen. (14*a*) She went on post-haste from Kūl to Āgra. His Majesty had intended to go as far as Kūl-jalālī to meet her. At evening-prayer time some one came and said to him: 'I have just passed her Highness on the road, four miles out.' My royal father did not wait for a horse to be

¹ Bābar says that Qāsim had come earlier and with 500 men. Muḥ. Sharif, the 'rascally fellow' and 'evil-minded wretch,' was with him. (Mems., 352.)

² How beautifully built may, in small part, be seen by visiting the Oriental section of the South Kensington Museum and there examining the architectural reproductions, the drawings of Mr. W. B. Carpenter, the photographs, etc. The South Kensington Museum and the British Museum furnish numerous illustrations for Gul-badan Begam's MS., and add to it the charm of life and reality.

³ *Ghāzī*. Bābar now assumed this title, because he had vanquished non-Muḥammadāns.

in this state, he thought over the whole position. As the enemy was close at hand, this device occurred to his blessed mind; he ordered the remnant of what remained over and above deserters and enemies, to gather together. One and all came—amīrs and khāns and sultāns; plebeian and noble, low and high. Then he addressed them, and said: ‘Do you not know that there lies a journey of some months between us and the land of our birth and our familiar city? If our side is defeated, (God preserve us from that day! God forbid it!) where are we? where is our birthplace? where our city? We have to do with strangers and foreigners. It is in every way best for each man to set resolutely before himself the two alternatives: if we win, we are avengers of the cause of God; if we lose, we die martyrs. In either fate is our salvation; each is a step and upward stage in greatness.’

To this they all agreed. They swore by the divorce of their wives and on the Holy Book; they recited the *fātiḥa*, and said, ‘O King! God willing, we will not spare ourselves in sacrifice and devotion, so long as there are breath and life in our bodies.’¹ (13a)

Two days before the battle his Majesty renounced wine, and, indeed, he forswore all forbidden things. Following his example, 400 young men of name, who had given proof of manliness and one-mindedness and friendship, also renounced these things when he did. His Majesty broke up all forbidden utensils,—vessels of gold and of silver, goblets and flasks, etc.; and he gave them to the poor and needy.

He also sent abroad *firmāns* with the announcement: ‘We exempt (you) from all dues and octroi and tithe on corn, and from all illegal imposts, so that no one, trader or

¹ Mr. Erskine thus gives Bābar’s words: ‘Every man dies. God only survives unchangeable. He who comes to life’s feast must drink the parting cup of death. How much better to die with honour than to live with infamy!’

Perhaps, as Gul-badan says, Bābar touched also the thought of *hoṁā*, and ‘his would be recorded by the woman.

palace, give it precedence, and carry it out with might and main.'

He commanded buildings to be put up in Āgra on the other side of the river,¹ and a stone palace to be built for himself between the *ḥaram* and the garden. He also had one built in the audience court, with a reservoir in the middle and four chambers in the four towers. On the river's bank he had a *chaukandī*² built. (12a)

He ordered a tank made in Dholpūr, ten by ten,³ out of a single mass of rock, and used to say, 'When it is finished, I will fill it with wine.' But as he had given up wine before the fight with Rānā Sangā, he filled it with lemonade.

A year after Sultān Ibrāhīm's death, the rānā⁴ appeared from the Mandū (or Hindū) side with a countless host. Amīrs and rājas and rānās, every one of those who had come earlier and paid duty to his Majesty, now became an enemy and went and joined the rānā, until Kul-jalālī and Sambhal and Rāprī—every *pargana*,—and rāīs and rājas and Afghāns became hostile. Nearly two *laks* of cavalry assembled.

At this time, Muḥammad Sharīf, the astrologer, said to the royal soldiers, 'It would be best for the Emperor not to fight, for the constellation *Sakkiz Yildoz* (Eight Stars) is opposite.' Amazing perturbation fell upon the royal army. They became exceedingly anxious and troubled,⁵ and showed signs of cowardice. (12b) When his Majesty saw his army

¹ *i.e.*, opposite the fort.

² 'A building on the roof which has a door on each of the four sides.' Vullers, 602. Badāonī uses *ghurfā*, upper room, as an equivalent. Cf. Elliot's History of India, V. 347 and 503.

³ About 20 feet by 20 feet. (Mems. 398 n.)

⁴ This decisive battle was fought on March 16th, 1527, on the skirts of the hill of Sikrī, at Khānwa. Akbar's *prenomen* of Fatḥipūr—the City of Victory—was given to Sikrī in 1573 to commemorate the Gujrāt campaign.

⁵ When the fight had been won, Bābar soundly rated Muḥammad Sharīf, gave him money, and dismissed him to the place from which he had emerged, apparently only to cause trouble. He had come to India with a royal kinsman from Kābul, and to Kābul in 1519 from Khost (Māham's home).

to all the *mīrzās* and *sultāns* and *amīrs*. He sent letters in all directions, urgently saying, 'We shall take into full favour all who enter our service, and especially such as served our father and grandfather and ancestors. If such will come to us, they will receive fitting benefits. Whoever there may be of the families of *Ṣāhib-qirān* and Chingiz Khān, let them turn towards our court. The most High has given us sovereignty in Hindūstān; let them come that we may see prosperity together.'

Seven¹ daughters of Sultān Abū-sa'id came (to Hindūstān): Gūhar-shād Begam, and Fakhr-jahān Begam, and Khadija Sultān Begam, and Badī'u-l-jamāl Begam, and Āq Begam, and Sultān Bakht Begam.

(Also) Zainab Sultān Khānam, daughter of his Majesty's maternal uncle, Sultān Maḥmūd Khān, and Muḥibb Sultān Khānam,² daughter of *Ilācha* Khān (Amir), his Majesty's younger maternal uncle.

In short, all the begams and khānams went, ninety-six persons in all, and all received houses and lands and gifts to their heart's desire. (116)

All through the four years that (my father) was in Āgra he used to go on Fridays to see his paternal aunts. One day it was extremely hot, and her Highness my lady (*Akām*) said, 'The wind is very hot, indeed; how would it be if you did not go this one Friday? The begams would not be vexed.' His Majesty said, 'Māham! it is astonishing that you should say such things! The daughters of Abū-sa'id Sultān Mīrzā, who have been deprived of father and brothers! If I do not cheer them, how will it be done?'

To the architect, Khwāja Qasim, his Majesty gave the following order: 'We command a piece of good service from you. It is this: whatever work, even if it be on a great scale, our paternal aunts may order done in their

¹ Six only named.

² Wife of Mīrzā Faidar Dughlāt, the historian.

nurses and foster-brethren and ladies, and to all who pray for me.' The gifts were made according to the list.

Three happy days they remained together in the Audience Hall Garden. They were uplifted by pride, and recited the *fātiḥa*¹ for the benediction and prosperity of his Majesty, and joyfully made the prostration of thanks.²

The Emperor sent by Khwāja Kilān a large *ashrafī*,³ which weighed three imperial *sīr*, that is, fifteen *sīr* of Hind, for . . . 'Asas.⁴ He said to the Khwāja: 'If 'Asas asks you, "What has the Emperor sent for me?" say, "One *ashrafī*,"' as there really was only one. 'Asas was amazed, and fretted about it for three days. His Majesty had ordered that a hole should be bored in the *ashrafī*, and that 'Asas should be blindfolded and the *ashrafī* hung round his neck, and that then he was to be sent into the *ḥaram*. The hole was bored and the *ashrafī* hung round his neck. He was quite helpless with surprise at its weight, and delighted and very, very happy. He took it in both hands, and wondered over it and said, 'No one shall get my *ashrafī*.' Each begam, too, gave (? him) ten or twelve *ashrafī*, so he had seventy or eighty. (11a)

After Khwāja Kilān Beg had started for Kābul, the Emperor made gifts in Agra to his Majesty Humāyūn and

¹ The first chapter of the Qurān.

² In this prostration the forehead touches the ground.

³ Perhaps from the Lodi treasury. (Cf. J.A.S.B. Proceedings, 1883; Thomas, 428; Richardson's Ar. & Per. Dict., s.v. *sikka*; Memoirs of the Mughal Empire, Jonathan Scott, 3 and 3 n.)

⁴ Lit. a night-guard. The words preceding 'Asas offer much difficulty. They may be read *ba 'ammū*,—to the paternal uncle of 'Asas. But the story is of 'Asas, the night-guard and not of his uncle. Perhaps 'ammū is a clerical error for 'amah, bewilderment, misleading, and this would suit the story well. Mr. Beveridge has suggested to me to read 'Umarī, i.e., an old servant of 'Umar Shaikh. This, too, would be appropriate, for the victim of the hoax is clearly an old man.

The title 'Asas is applied several times by Bābar. One 'Asas was, a boon companion and partook of Bābar's vow before the battle of Khānwa. (Mems. 283 and 354; Firishta, Pers. Text, Briggs I. 449.) Gul-badan names one (206) as entrusted with the care of Bābar's tomb,—Muḥī 'Alī 'Asas. I think he was brother, to Māham Begam, and the gover. or of Kābul whom Kāmran murdered in 1547.

Sultān Ibrāhīm, to my elder relations¹ and sisters and each person of the *haram*. You take them. I shall write a list, and you will distribute them according to it. (10a) You will order a tent with a screen to be set up in the Garden of the Audience Hall for each begam,² and when a pleasant meeting-place has been arranged, the begams are to make the prostration of thanks for the complete victory which has been brought about.

'To each begam is to be delivered as follows: one special dancing-girl of the dancing-girls of Sultān Ibrāhīm, with one gold plate full of jewels—ruby and pearl, cornelian and diamond, emerald and turquoise, topaz and cat's-eye—and two small mother-o'-pearl trays full of *ashrafīs*, and on two other trays *shāhrukhīs*,³ and all sorts of stuffs by nines—that is, four trays and one plate. Take a dancing-girl and another plate of jewels, and one each of *ashrafīs* and *shāhrukhīs*, and present, in accordance with my directions, to my elder relations the very plate of jewels and the self-same dancing-girl which I have given for them. I have made other gifts;⁴ convey these afterwards. (10b) Let them divide and present jewels and *ashrafīs* and *shāhrukhīs* and stuffs to my sisters and children and the *harams*⁵ and kinsmen, and to the begams and āghās⁶ and

¹ *walīyu-n-ni'matān*, lords of beneficence. Gul-badan's application of it is to 'benevolent ladies,' i.e., the numerous aunts. It is a title of respect for seniors.

² I think each begam was to encamp with her own establishment and within her own enclosure (*sarāparda*), and not in hasty camp-fashion of community of quarters. This would exalt the assembly.

The *sarāparda* or enclosing canvas wall, run at optional distance round tents, was, it is stated in the *Ma'ūsiru-r-raḥīmī*, invented by Bairam Khān-i-khānān, and if this is true, it must at this date have been a quite modern convenience.

³ It is waste of time to try to estimate the amount of these money gifts, made as they were in coins of uncertain value and recorded, probably on hearsay, more than fifty years after bestowal. Mr. Erskine puts the *shāhrukhī* at from 10d. to 1s., Steingass, s.v. *ashrafī*, gives for its value about 16 *rupīs*, presumably of undegenerated rank.

⁴ Qy., for the elder relations.

⁵ Presumably of his kinsmen and of officers whose families were with Bābar's own in Kābul.

⁶ This word seems to describe women who were heads of household departments and not merely the guardians of *harams*.

arrayed battle at Pānīpat¹ against Sultān Ibrāhīm, son of Sultān Sikandar, son of Bahlūl Lodī. By God's grace he was victorious, and Sultān Ibrāhīm was killed in the fight.

His victory was won purely by the Divine grace, for Sultān Ibrāhīm had a *lak* and 80,000 horse, and as many as 1,500 head of fierce elephants; (9b) while his Majesty's army with the traders and good and all (*badr* (?) *bad*, bad) was 12,000 persons and he had, at the outside, 6,000 or 7,000 serviceable men.

The treasures of five kings fell into his hands. He gave everything away. The amīrs of Hind represented that in Hindūstān it was thought disgraceful to expend the treasure of bygone kings, and that people rather added and added to it, while his Majesty, on the contrary, had given all away.²

Khwāja³ Kilān⁴ Beg asked leave several times to go to Kābul. He said: 'My constitution is not fitted for the climate of Hindūstān. If leave were given, I should tarry awhile in Kābul.' His Majesty was not at all, at all willing for him to go, but at last gave permission because he saw him so very urgent. He said: 'When you go, I shall send some of the valuable presents and curiosities of Hind which fell into our hands through the victory over

¹ 'A far-reaching, almost illimitable level tract, broken only by insignificant undulations. Here and there, where the shallow soil is moistened from some niggardly watercourse, grow sparse grasses and stunted thorn-bushes. But, for the most part, the eye falls only on the uniform yellowish-gray waste of sterile earth. Everywhere empty silence reigns, and it would almost seem as if this desert had been designed for the battlefield of nations.' (Emperor Akbar, F. v. Noer., trs. A.S.B. I. 74.)

Thrice in modern times a decisive battle has been fought out here: (1) by Bābar against Ibrāhīm and the Lodīs, 1526; (2) by Akbar against the Indian Afghāns in 1556; and (3) by Aḥmad Shāh Durrānī against the Marāthās in 1761.

² Bābar distributed the treasure on the 11th or 12th of May, 1526, and left himself so little that he was dubbed *galaxdar*.

³ M. Garcin de Tassy says, in his 'Mémoire sur la Religion Musalmane' (46 n.) that khwāja, like sayyid, is a title for a descendant of Muhammad. Shaw's *Türkī Dictionary* states that khwāja is applied to the offspring of a sayyid by a woman of another family, also to their descendants. I find many instances where both titles are applied to the same man.

⁴ One of Bābar's most admirable followers and friends, and perhaps a relation. He was one of seven brothers, sons of Maulānā Muhammad Sadru-d-dīn, who spent their lives in Bābar's service.

and my royal father and my Lady came back to Kābul¹ (926H.—1520).

After a time his Majesty set out for Qilāt and Qandahār.² He was victorious at once in Qilāt, and went on to Qandahār and kept its garrison shut up for a year and a half. Then, by the Divine favour and after great fighting and skirmishing, he captured it. Much gold fell into his hands, and he gave moneys and camels to his soldiers and the people of the army. Qandahār he bestowed on Mirzā Kāmran, and himself set off for Kābul.

His advance camp having been set up,³ he crossed the hill of Yak Langa, and gloriously alighted in the valley of Dih-i-ya'qūb on Friday, Šafar 1st, 932H. (November 17th, 1525), when the sun was in Sagittarius. (9a) He spent the following day there, and on the next set forth, march by march, for Hindūstān. In the seven or eight years since 925H. (1519)⁴ the royal army had several times renewed the attempt on Hindūstān. Each time it used to conquer lands and districts, such as Bhīra, Bajaur, Siālkūt, Dīpālpūr, Lāhōr, etc., up to the fifth time, when on Šafar 1st, 932H., his Majesty went, march by march, from his glorious encamping in Dih-i-ya'qūb towards Hindūstān. He conquered Lāhōr and Sirhind, and every country that lay on his path.

On Friday, Rajab 8th, 932H. (April 20th, 1526), he

¹ Humāyūn was now thirteen years old. He was young to be sent so far as Badakhshān. That his parents went with him is one of Gul-badan's life-giving touches. *Ākām* may now well have shown her boy to her father and her kinsfolk in Khost. (Memoirs of Bāyazīd, I.O. MS., 26a.)

² Held now by Shāh Beg *Arghūn*, father of Shāh Husain, Humāyūn's later enemy in Sind. Firishta gives three years as the duration of the siege, Khāfī Khān four years, and Mirzā Haidar five years. The occurrence unfortunately coincides with one of the gaps in the Memoirs. This was Bābar's culminating attempt on Qandahār; his first being in 1505,—this one seems to have ended in 1522 (928H.).

³ Gul-badan, by a sudden transition, passes over some three years, and, as it seems, using her father's Memoirs, enters on the account of his last and successful expedition to Hindūstān. Yak Langa is a hill between Kābul and Butkhāk, and on the road to Jalālābād.

⁴ Text, 935H.; clearly a slip.

bring men and labourers, etc., to your native land and cultivate it.'

Qāsim Beg,¹ who was in Kābul, sent a letter saying : 'Another prince has been born. I have ventured to write as an omen of the conquest of Hind and of taking its throne. As for the rest, the Emperor is master, whatever is his pleasure'² (let it be done). In an auspicious hour his Majesty named him Mīrzā Hindāl.

Having subdued Bajaur, his Majesty went towards the Bhīra country, and on his arrival made peace without plundering. He took four *laks* of *shāhrukhīs*³ and gave to his army, dividing them according to the number of his followers. He then set out for Kābul.⁴

Just now came a letter from Badakhshān saying : 'Mīrzā Khān is dead ;⁵ Mīrzā Sulaimān is young ; the Uzbegs are near ; take thought for this kingdom lest (which God forbid) Badakhshān should be lost.' (*sb*) Until there should be thought taken, Mīrzā Sulaimān's mother⁶ had brought him (to the Emperor). Agreeably to this petition and their wish, the Emperor assigned to Mīrzā Sulaimān the lands and inheritance which had been his father's, and he gave Badakhshān to Mīrzā Humāyūn.

The mīrzā set out for his province. His Majesty and my Lady (*Akhām*) followed and also went to Badakhshān, and there spent several days together. The mīrzā remained

¹ Qāsim Beg *Qāchīn*, an ancient Beg of Andijān, and one of Bābar's best followers.

² Qy., as to the child's name. His true name was Muḥ. Nāṣir, but he is only known as Hindāl. He was Gul-badan's full brother, and was given, before birth, to Māham Begam, who had lost all her children younger than Humāyūn. (*Cf.* 24a n.)

³ Estimated by Mr. Erskine at about £20,000 sterling.

⁴ End of February, 1519. In his winning fashion Bābar relates that he forbade the news of his return to be taken to Kābul, and that there was therefore no time to put his boys, Humāyūn and Kāmran, on horseback, and that they were carried out in the arms of the nearest servants to offer their duty on his return, to a place between the fort gates and the citadel.

⁵ *Cir.* 926H. (1520). (*Cf.* *Mems.* 286 n., and *Tār. Rash.*, Ney Elias and Ross, 373 n.)

⁶ Sultān N gār Kḥānam.

His Majesty at this time entrusted Kābul to Nāṣir¹ Mirzā, and set out² for Samarqand, taking with him his people and wives and children, who were Humāyūn Mirzā, and Mihr-jahān Begam, and Bārbūl Mirzā, and Ma'sūma Begam, and Kāmran Mirzā. (7b)

With help from Shāh Ismā'il, he took Samarqand (October, 1511), and for eight (lunar) months the whole of Māwarā'u-n-nahr (Transoxiana) was in his power. Owing to want of co-operation in his brothers and to the opposition of the Mughals,³ he was defeated at Kūl Malik by 'Ubaidu-l-lāh Khān. As he could not remain in those parts, he set out for Baḍakhshān and Kābul, and put out of his head further thought of Māwarā'u-n-nahr.

He had become master of Kābul in 910H. (1504). He had always desired to go into Hindūstān, and had not carried out his wish because of the feeble counsels of his amīrs and the non-agreement of his brothers. When at length these were gone,⁴ and there remained no amīr such as could argue against it, he accomplished his desire.

Bajaur⁵ he took in two or three hours and ordered a general massacre.

On the same day the father of Afghānī *aghācha*,⁶ Malik Maṣṣūr Yūsufzai, came in and paid his respects. (3a) His Majesty took his daughter in marriage and then gave him leave to depart. He bestowed on him a horse and a suit of honour befitting a ruler, and said to him: 'Go and

¹ Bābar's half-brother, son of Umīd, an Andijānī.

² January, 1511 (Shawwāl, 916H.).

³ For a more interesting cause of defeat, cf. B. & H., I. 321, *et seq.* 'Ubaidu-l-lāh was Shaibānī's nephew. Kūl (Lake) Malik is in Bokhārā. Bābar was again defeated by the Uzbeks in this same year (1511).

⁴ *i.e.*, dead. Jahāngīr died in 1507 and Nāṣir in 1515, both from drinking. This passage resembles Bābar's own words. (Mems. 309.)

⁵ Gul-badan is cor'usely brief. Bajaur was attacked 925H. (1519) on the way to India, and its people put to the sword because they were 'rebels to followers of Islām' and addicted to infidel customs. (Mems. 246 *et seq.*)

⁶ The Afghān Lady. It is thus that Gul-badan always speaks of Bibī (Lady) Mubārīka, the Yūsufzai wife of Bābar. Pavet de Courteille defines *aghācha* thus: 'Se dit des femmes par opposition à begam et khānam; dame.' I do not in Gul-badan's work trace any disrespect attaching to '*aghācha*,' such as is indicated by '*concul ine*,' as which it is sometimes translated.

Humāyūn, and Bārbūl Mīrzā, and Mihr-jān (jahān) Begam, and Ishān-daulat Begam, and Fārūq Mīrzā.¹

(2.) Ma'sūma Sultān Begam, daughter of Sultān Aḥmad Mīrzā, died in childbed. The mother's name they gave to the daughter.

(3.) Of Gul-rukh Begam were born Kāmīrān Mīrzā, and 'Askarī Mīrzā, and Shāh-rukh Mīrzā, and Sultān Aḥmad Mīrzā, and Gul-'izār Begam.

(4.) Of Dil-dār Begam were born Gul-rang Begam, and Gul-chihra Begam, and Hindāl Mīrzā, and Gul-badan Begam, and Alwar Mīrzā.²

In short, in taking Kābul he got a good omen. All his children were born there except two began's who were born in Khost, viz., Mihr-jān Begam, a daughter of Māham Begam, and Gul-rang, a daughter of Dil-dār Begam. (7a)

The blessed birth of the Emperor Humāyūn, the first-born son of his Majesty *Frīdaus-makānī*, occurred in the night of Tuesday, Zū'l-qa'da 4th, 913H. (March 6th, 1508), in the citadel of Kābul, and when the sun was in the sign Pisces.

That same year his Majesty was pleased to order the amīrs and the rest of the world to style him emperor (*bādshāh*). For before the birth of the Emperor Humāyūn he had been named and styled Mīrzā Bābar. All kings' sons were called mīrzās. In the year of his Majesty Humāyūn's birth he styled himself *bādshāh*.

They found³ the date of the birth in *Sultān Humāyūn Khān*, and also in *Shāh-(i)-fīroz-qadr*.⁴

After children had been born to him, news came that Shāh Ismā'īl had killed Shāhī Beg Khān.⁵

(Cf. Vambéry's 'Cagataische Sprach-studien.') Bābar uses the word (Mems. 208.), and Mr. Erskine suggests to read 'My Lady.'

¹ Born 1525; died 1527. His father never saw him.

² Gul-badan or her copyist does not balance accounts. She says eighteen, and names sixteen children. This may be a clerical error only.

³ i.e., by *abjad*. Cf. Steingass' Persian Dictionary, s.v. *abjad*.

⁴ 'The king, victorious in night.'

⁵ At Merv, December 2nd, 1510. Cf. B. & H., I. 302. On the removal of this formidable foe, Bābar again tried to regain his ancestral lands, but was still outmatched by the Uzbeqs. Defeat by them led him to take a road of less resistance through Bajaur to Hindūstār

were holding Kābul. His Majesty sent a comforting and cheering letter (to his friends in the fort), and said: 'Be of good heart! I too am here. (6a) I will light a fire on the Hill of the Moon-faced Lady; do you light one on the Treasury, so that I may be sure you know of our coming. In the morning we will fall on the enemy, you from that side and we from this.' But he had fought and won before the people of the fort came out.

Mīrzā Khān hid himself in his mother's house; she was his Majesty's maternal aunt.² Mīrzā Muḥammad Ḥusain was in his wife's house. She was his Majesty's younger maternal aunt. He flung himself down on a carpet, and in fear of his life cried to a servant, 'Fasten it up!' His Majesty's people heard of this. They took him out of the carpet and brought him to the presence. In the end, his Majesty forgave the mīrzās their offences, for the 'sake of his aunts. He used to go, in his old fashion, in and out of his aunts' houses,¹ and showed them more and more affection, so that no mist of trouble might dim their hearts. He assigned them places and holdings in the plain-country. (6b)

God the most High, having freed Kābul from the power of Mīrzā Khān, committed it to my royal father's care. He was then twenty-three years old² and had no child and greatly desired one. In his seventeenth year a girl³ had been born to him by 'Āyisha Sultān Begam, a daughter of Sultān Ahmād Mīrzā, but she had died in a month. The most high God blessed the taking of Kābul, for after it eighteen children were born. (1.) Of my Lady (*Akām*⁴) who was Māham Begam there were born his Majesty the Emperor

¹ Text, *khāna khālī khālahā'i*. This I do not understand, as there were certainly no mothers' brothers present in Kābul now.

² He was twenty-three when he took Kābul from Muḥammad Muqīm Arghūn in 1504. Mīrza Khān's rebellion took place two years later.

³ *Fakīru-n-nisā'*, the Glory of Women. 'She was my first child, and I was just nineteen. In a month, or forty days, she went to the mercy of God.' (Mems. 90.)

⁴ Written sometimes *Akām*, and sometimes *Akam*. The Tūrki *Akā* is used as a title of respect from a junior to a senior. It has also the sense 'elder brother,' which makes application to a woman doubtful.

interest. They set forth to him the inconvenience of winter, and said: 'Wait till it is over, and we will fight the Uzbegs.' But they could not in any way settle about the war. Eighty years¹ long had Sultān Husain Mirzā kept Khurāsān safe and sound, but the mirzās could not fill their father's place for six months. When his Majesty saw that they were careless² about his expenses and revenue, he went to Kābul on the pretext of seeing the places he had assigned to himself. (5b) Much snow had fallen that year. They took the wrong road. His Majesty and Qāsim Beg chose one³ because of its shortness, but the amīrs had given other advice, and when this was not taken, they all left him without a thought for him. He and Qāsim Beg and his sons made a road in two or three days by removing the snow, and the people of the army followed. So they reached Ghūrband. Some Hazāra rebels having met his Majesty here there was fighting; and cattle and sheep and goods without number belonging to the Hazāra fell into the hands of his people. Then they started for Kābul with their enormous booty.

At the skirts of Minār Hill they heard that Mīrzā Khān⁴ and Mīrzā Muḥammad Husain *Gārkān*⁵ had rebelled and

¹ A well-rounded number. Sultān Husain was born 842H. (1438), and died 911H. (1506). Bābar calls the joint-kingship of his sons a strange arrangement and one never heard of, and quotes Sa'di's well-known couplet as applicable—'Ten darvishes can sleep on one rug, but one climate cannot hold two kings.'

² While on the Murgh-āb, Bābar agreed to winter in Khurāsān, and he went with the joint-kings to Herāt in order to see the 'sights' of that renowned city. He certainly worked hard, for he names some fifty-two which he saw in twenty days. The invitation to winter was repeated, but neither quarters nor suitable conveniences (? revenues) were allotted. Bābar delicately says he could not explain his real motive for not remaining, and left under pressure of necessity on December 24th, 1506, after snow had fallen along a route which was a month's ordinary journey.

It was during this absence from Kābul that he married Māham, Humāyūn's mother.

³ Through the Aimāq and Hazāra country, and south of his route to Herāt.

⁴ Sultān Wais, a son of Bābar's paternal uncle, Maḥmūd, and his maternal aunt (i.e., his mother's half-sister), Sultān Nigār Khānam.

⁵ Father of Haidar Mīrzā *Dughlāt*, author of the *Tārīkh-i-rashīdī*. He married Khūb-nigār, full-sister of Bābar's mother.

sought counsel of God. At length he set out to join the mīrzā. On the way news came that the mīrzā was dead. His Majesty's amīrs represented that, this being so, it was advisable to return to Kābul, but he replied: 'As we have come so far, we will carry our condolences to the princes.' In the end he went on towards Khurāsān.¹

When the princes² heard of the royal visit, they one and all set out to give him honourable meeting, except Badī'u-z-zamān Mīrzā, who did not go because Barandūq Beg and Zū'l-nūn Beg—amīrs of Sultān Husain Mīrzā—said, in effect, that as his Majesty was fifteen years younger than Badī'u-z-zamān Mīrzā, it was right that he should be the first to bow, (and that they should then embrace one another.) Qāsim Beg³ rejoined: 'Younger he is by years, but by the *tūra*,⁴ he has precedence because he has more than once taken Samarcand by force of the sword.' (5a) At length they agreed that his Majesty should bow on coming in, and that Badī'u-z-zamān should then advance to show him honour, and they should embrace. The mīrzā was not attending when his Majesty came in at the door; Qāsim Beg clutched my royal father's girdle and pulled it, and said to Barandūq Beg and Zū'l-nūn Beg: 'The agreement was that the mīrzā should come forward and that then they should embrace one another.' The prince then advanced in great agitation and they embraced.

As long as his Majesty was in Khurāsān, each one of the princes showed him hospitality, and feasts were arranged, and excursions to all the gardens and places of

¹ Bābar set out in June, 1506 (Muḥarram, 912H.). Husain had died in May (Zū'l-hijja, 911H.), on his way northwards from Herāt, and at Babā Ilāhī. Word reached Bābar when he had already made a great journey and had crossed the Saighan and Dandān-shikan passes to Kāhmard. After receiving the news he marched some 800 miles to the mīrzās' camp on the Murgh-āb.

² Badī'u-z-zamān and Muḥammad Muẓaffar Husain, sons of Sultān Husain Mīrzā. The meeting was on November 6th, 1506 (Jumāda II. 8th, 912H.).

³ Bābar's Prime Minister and (I believe) relation. He was of the Qūchīn tribe to which Bābar's grandmother, Ais-daulat, belonged.

⁴ The Rules of Chingīz Khān. These are referred to again on points of etiquette.

to cross his country, he was watched and rudely driven out. Now he was pleased to command that Khusrau Shāh should take whatever his heart desired (of his (own)) jewels and golden vessels, and so he got leave to go to Khurāsān in kindness and safety, and took with him five or six strings of camels and five or six of baggage mules.¹ (4a)

His Majesty now set out for Kābul, which was occupied by Muḥammad Muqīm, a son of Zū'l-nūn Arghūn, and grandfather of Nāhīd Begam.² He had captured it after Ulugh Beg Mirzā's³ death from Mirzā 'Abdu-r-razzāq, son of his Majesty's paternal uncle (Ulugh Beg).

His Majesty reached Kābul in safety. Muḥammad Muqīm kept command for a few days, and then by pact and agreement made over charge to the royal servants, and went off with goods and chattels to his father in Qandahār. This was in the last ten days of Rabī II., 910H.⁴ Being now master of Kābul, his Majesty went to Bangash, took it at a blow, and returned to Kābul.

Her Highness, the khānam,⁵ his Majesty's mother, had fever for six days, and then departed from this fleeting world to the eternal home. They laid her in the New Year's Garden. His Majesty paid 1,000 coined *misqāl* to his kinsmen, the owners of the garden, and laid her there.

At this time urgent letters arrived from Sultān Husain Mirzā, saying: (4b) 'I am planning a war against the Uzbegs. It would be excellent if you came too.' My royal father

scribe the time of her father's military incursions, made when he was trying to carve out a ruler's seat.

¹ The begam's brevity makes Bābar's capacity and forbearance seem alike remarkable. He had gathered a force, and safety was the condition of Khusrau's surrender (1504). Mr. Erskine writes (B. & H., I. 208.): 'Bābar, whose abhorrence of Khusrau was as deep as it was just, ordered his treasurer to send back the treasure, horses, and whatever had been presented to him, just as they were; although, says our author (Mirzā Haidar), the King had only one horse suitable for a person of his rank, and that was used by his mother.'

² Through his daughter Māh Chūchak.

³ A son of Abū-sa'īd, known as *Kābulī*. He died 1502.

⁴ October, 1504. Bābar was now twenty-three, and had acquired more territory than his lost Farghāna.

⁵ Qutluq-nigār. She died June, 1505.

(ruled) in Khurāsān, nor Sultān Maḥmūd Khān, his maternal uncle,¹ who (ruled) in Kāshghar, sent him help. When none came from any quarter, he grew desperate.²

At this difficult time, Shāhī Beg Khān³ sent to say: 'If you would marry your sister Khānzāda Begam⁴ to me, (3b) there might be peace and a lasting alliance between us.' At length it had to be done; he gave the begam to the khān and came out himself (from Samarqand).⁵ With 200 followers on foot, wearing long frocks on their shoulders and peasants' brogues on their feet, and carrying clubs in their hands,—in this plight, unarmed, and relying on God, he went towards the lanās of Badakhshān (Badakhshānāt) and Kābul.⁶

Khusrau Shāh's⁷ people and army were in Kunduz and the Badakhshānāt. He came and paid his respects to his Majesty,⁸ my father, who, being as he was manly and kind and generous, did not in any way touch the question of retaliation, although Khusrau Shāh had committed such crimes as the martyrdom of Bayasanghar Mīrzā and the blinding of Sultān Mas'ūd Mīrzā, both of whom were sons of my royal father's paternal uncle. In addition to this, when in the early days of the forays,⁹ his Majesty chanced

bānū, Latif and Payanda. Husain is the well-known Mæcenas of Herāt (1438-1506).

¹ *taghāi*. Sultān Maḥmūd Khān was full-brother of Qutluq-nigār, Bābar's mother, so that here *taghāi* is exactly equivalent to our 'maternal uncle.' Maḥmūd is 'the Khān' and the 'elder Khān' of the Memoirs, and also *Jānakī* or *Khānakī* and *Jāngī*. He was murdered by Shaibānī in 1508.

² He was eighteen.

³ Abū'l-fath Muḥammad Shāhbakht Khān *Uzbek* (Shāhī Beg Khān and Shaibānī).

⁴ For details of her life and that of all other women named in this book and some other contemporary works, see Appendix.

⁵ Early in 907H. (July, 1501).

⁶ Muharram, 910H. (June, 1504).

⁷ A Qipchāq Türk, chief beg of Sultān Maḥmūd Mīrzā, the father of Bayasanghar and Mas'ūd. He was put to death by Shaibānī's Uzbeqs in 910H. (1505).

⁸ Brevet rank. Bābar was an exile from his own kingdom of Farghāna, and not yet master of Kābul.

⁹ Türkī, *qazzāqī*, from *qazzāq* (Cossack), the name of the nomads whom the Russians term Kirghiz. I think Gul-badan uses it to de-



AMĪR TĪMŪR (SĀHIB-QIRĀN).

From his Majesty *Ṣahīb-qirānī*¹ down to my royal father there was not one of the bygone princes who laboured as he did. He became king in his twelfth² year, and the *khutba*³ was read in his name on June 10th, 1494,⁴ in Andijān, the capital of Farghāna. (3a)

For eleven full years his wars and struggles against the Chaghatai and Timūrid and Uzbek princes⁵ in Māwarā'un-nahr (Transoxiana) were such that the tongue of the pen is too feeble and weak to recount them.

The toils and perils which in the ruling of kingdoms befell our prince, have been measured out to few, and of few have been recorded the manliness, courage and endurance which he showed in battle-fields and dangers. Twice he took Samarqand by force of the sword. The first time my royal father was twelve years old, the second nineteen, the third time he was nearly twenty-two.⁶ For six months he was besieged⁷ (in Samarqand), and neither Sultān Husain Mirzā Bāyqarā, his paternal uncle,⁸ who

filled in. The *Tūzūk-i-bābarī* (Leyden and Erskine: Longman, Rees, etc., 1826.) will be referred to in these notes as the 'Memoirs' or 'Mems.' Mr. W. Erskine's 'History of India under Bābar and Humāyūn' will be indicated by 'B. & H.'

¹ *Lord of the fortunate conjunction*, i.e., of Jupiter and Venus, a posthumous title of Timūr (1336-1405), from whom Bābar was fifth in descent.

² Bābar was born February 14th, 1483 (Muharram 6th, 888H.). He therefore became king of Farghāna (Khokand) when 11½ years old.

³ The prayer and oration in which it is ordained that the name of the reigning sovereign should be recited. Cf. Dict. of Islām, Hughes, s.v.. The histories show that it was formerly so recited in India. The term 'Ruler of the Age' filled Victoria's place.

⁴ Ramzān 5th, 899H. [Text, 909H.].

⁵ The first and second of this triad of foes were near and e'der kinsmen; the third was the Shaibānī of the histories.

⁶ Bābar occupied Samarqand three times. Twice he captured it, and the third time entered without a blow struck and amidst a popular welcome. The dates are respectively 1497, 1500, and 1511, and his age fifteen, seventeen, and twenty-nine.

⁷ By Shaibānī, after the second occupation.

⁸ *'ammū*. Husain was of the fourth, and Bābar of the fifth degree of descent from their common ancestor, Timūr. Bābar's father was (*anglice*) Husain's fourth cousin. As Husain was of an elder generation, Bābar calls him 'uncle.' If *'ammū* were ever used to denote an uncle by marriage, it would have triple application here, since Husain married in succession three paternal aunts of Bābar—Shahr-

NOTE ON THE PERSIAN TITLES.

Of these there are two :

1. '*Humāyūn-nāma*. Written by Gul-badan Begam, daughter of Bābar Pādshāh.' This is on the first fly-leaf, which is of paper differing in colour and texture from that of the body of the MS., and identical with that of four blank sheets which are bound up at the end of the MS., perhaps to allow of writing in the missing portion of the work.

2. 'Accounts of Humāyūn Pādshāh. Put together by Gul-badan Begam, a daughter of Bābar Pādshāh and a paternal aunt of Akbar Pādshāh.' This stands on the first folio of the MS., which by the original paging is folio 10, and by the British Museum marking folio 2 (*a*).

TRANSLATION

OF THE

ĤUMĀYŪN-NĀMA OF GUL-BADAN BEGAM.

